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NSW PREMIER LEAGUE SOCCER: ROUND 1

Friday 19 October

Henson Park (8:00 PM, 6:00 PM)
Canterbury Marrickville Vs Blacktown City Demons

Saturday 20 October

Andrews Road Field (7:00 PM, 5:00 PM)
Penrith Panthers Vs Sutherland Sharks

Nineveh Field (7:00 PM, 5:00 PM)
Fairfield Bulls Vs Leichhardt Tigers

Serbian Centre (6:30 PM, 4:30 PM)
Bonnyrigg White Eagles Vs Belconnen Blue Devils

Pluim Park (7:00 PM, 5:00 PM)
Central Coast Coasties Vs Bankstown City Lions

Sunday 21 October

Melita Stadium (6:30 PM, 4:30 PM)
Parramatta Eagles Vs St George Saints

THE CLUBS

BANKSTOWN CITY LIONS
Home Ground: Jensen Park (Clapham Street, SEFTON)
Club Nickname: Lions
Contact Officer: George Jackson
Contact Number: 9644 2539
Home Strip: Shirt - Red with Black Trim, Shorts - Black with Red Trim, Socks - Red with Black Trim
Alternate Strip: Shirt - White Black/Red/Yellow Trim, Shorts - Black Red Trim, Socks - Black Red Trim
Background Information
Founded: 1973
Joined Premier League: 2001
Note: Bankstown City comes into the Premier eague as the reigning Winter Super League Premiers.

BELCONNEN BLUE DEVILS
Home Ground: West Belconnen Sports Ground (Hardwick Crescent, HOLT, ACT)
Club Nickname: Blue Devils
Contact Officer: Tony Paterson
Contact Number: 6254 5115
Home strip: Shirt - Sky Blue, Shorts – Navy, Socks - Sky Blue
Alternate strip: Shirt - Navy Blue, Shorts -Navy Blue, Socks - White
Background Information
Founded: 1970
Joined Premier League: 2000
Position in 2000/2001 NSW Premier League: 7th (from 10 teams)

BLACKTOWN CITY DEMONS
Home Ground: Gabbie Stadium (Quinn Avenue, SEVEN HILLS)
Club Nickname: Demons
Contact Officer: Ken Schembri
Contact Number: 9624 3344
Home strip: Shirt - Red & White stripe with Black trim, Shorts - Black with White Trim, Socks - Black
Alternate strip: Shirt - Claret & Light Blue trim, Shorts - White with Claret/Blue trim, Socks - White
Founded: 1953
Joined Premier League: 2000
Position in 2000/2001: 1st (also Grand Final runner-up)

BONNYRIGG WHITE EAGLES
Home Ground: Serbian Centre (Lot 13, Simpson Road BONNYRIGG)
Club Nickname: White Eagles
Contact Officer: Jack Cirjanic
Contact Number: 9823 7714
Home strip: Shirt- Red, Shorts - Blue, Socks - White
Alternate strip: Shirt- White, Shorts - White, Socks - White
Founded: 1968
Joined Premier League: 2000
Position in 2000/2001: 2nd (also Grand Final winners)

CANTERBURY MARRICKVILLE OLYMPIC
Home Ground: Henson Park (Sydenham Road/Centennial Street, MARRICKVILLE)
Club Nickname: Berries
Contact Officer: Laki Konistis
Contact Number: 0411 191 815
Home strip: Shirt- Yellow and Blue Trim, Shorts - Yellow with Blue Trim, Socks - Yellow and Blue Trim
Alternate strip: Shirt- Blue with Yellow Trim, Shorts - Blue with Yellow Trim, Socks - Blue with Yellow Trim
Founded: 1889
Joined Premier League: 2000
Position in 2000/2001: 4th

CENTRAL COAST COASTIES
Home Ground: Pluim Park (Tuggerah Street LISAROW)
Club Nickname: The Coasties
Contact Officer: Joe Spiteri
Contact Number: 4334 2478 (P/F)
Home strip: Shirt - White with Blue Trim, Shorts - Blue, Socks - Blue or Red with White Trim
Alternate strip: Shirt - Blue with White Trim, Shorts - Blue with Red & White Trim, Socks - Blue or Red with White Trim
Founded: 1982
Joined Premier League: 2000
Position in 2000/2001: 8th

FAIRFIELD BULLS
Home Ground: Nineveh Field (673 Smithfield Road EDENSOR PARK)
Club Nickname: Bulls
Contact Officer: Andy Isho
Contact Number: 9610 4655
Home strip: Shirt – White, Shorts - Black with White Trim, Socks - Black
Alternate strip: Shirt – Red, Shorts - White with Black Trim, Socks - Red
Founded: 1971
Joined Premier League: 2001

LEICHHARDT TIGERS
Home Ground: Lambert Park (Marion Street, LEICHHARDT)
Club Nickname: Tigers
Contact Officer: Pia Scarselletta
Contact Number: 9560 5414
Home strip: Shirt- White with Maroon/Sky Blue Trim, Shorts - Maroon with Sky Blue Trim, Socks- Maroon with Maroon/Sky Blue Trim
Alternate strip: Shirt - White with Maroon/Sky Blue Trim, Shorts - White with Tiger Logo & Maroon/Sky Blue Trim, Socks - White with Maroon/Sky Blue Trim
Founded: 1954
Joined Premier League: 2000
Position in 2000/2001: 5th

PARRAMATTA MELITA EAGLES
Home Ground: Melita Stadium (Everley Road, GRANVILLE)
Club Nickname: Eagles
Contact Officer: John Comito
Contact Number: 9743 7130
Home strip: Shirt - White with Red trim, Shorts with Red trim, Socks - White with Red trim
Alternate strip: Shirt-Yellow, Shorts-Yellow, Soc Yellow
Founded: 1956
Joined Premier League: 2000
Position in 2000/2001: 3rd

PENRITH PANTHERS
Andrews Road Field (Andrews Road, PENRITH
Club Nickname: Panthers
Contact Officer: Alan Perkins
Contact Number: 0403 249 673
Home strip: Shirt - Black with White, Green, Re Yellow trim, Shorts - Black with White, Green, F Yellow trim, Socks - Black with White, Green, R Yellow trim
Alternate strip: Shirt-White with Black, Green, R Yellow trim, Shorts-White with Green, Red & Ye trim, Socks-White
Founded: 1990
Joined Premier League: 2000
Position in 2000/2001: 9th

ST GEORGE
Home Ground: St George Stadium (88 Bestic S ROCKDALE)
Club Nickname: Saints
Contact Officer: Dot Buckley
Contact Number: 9599 3359
Home strip: Shirt - White and Red Trim, Shorts with White Trim, Socks - White and Red Trim
Alternate strip: Shirt - Red and White Trim, Sho Red and White Trim, Socks -White with Red Tri
Founded: 1924
Joined Premier League: 2000
Position in 2000/2001: 6th

SUTHERLAND SHARKS
Home Ground: Seymour Shaw Park (The Boule MIRANDA)
Club Nickname: Sharks
Contact Officer: Richard May
Contact Number: 9524 3011
Home strip:
Shirt- Sky Blue & White with Black trim, Shorts- with Sky Blue trim, Socks- Black
Alternate strip: Shirt-Gold with blue piping, Shor Gold with blue piping, Socks-Blue
Founded: 1936
Joined Premier League: 2000
Position in 2000/2001: 10th

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COVER PIC

PARRAMATTA head honchos Davie Mitchell and Lawrie McKinna have smiles on their faces just now. But the Tartan Duo know that this is their last shot with the powerful sports club. Expect lots of fireworks as the Power management team talk tough - and demand action from their result shy players.

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AUSTRALIA'S BEST SELLING
FOOTBALL WEEKLY

bruce campbell talking football

ANOTHER National Soccer League season kicks off this weekend and then next weekend the second New South Wales Premier league season swings into action.

For those fans who have been brought up purely on a diet of top flight summer action, and with the NSL in its 26th year that means quite a large proportion of the Australian football public, it seems like it has been a long time coming around again.

But you can't help thinking that once again we have spent the off season wasting time fighting silly battles within the code.

Many times I have written that we need to stop this terrible infighting, an almost endemic row which sees the game pull its very heart out year after year.

Those in the know are well aware that even within the confines of our own domain at *SuperSoccer* we have spent valuable resources putting out brush fires, never mind the major ones which seem to engulf the game.

Was the Cosmos situation really necessary, was there ever any real chance that the Canberra club, in its present sorry state at least, had ever a chance of survival?

I have lived long enough in Canberra to know that the set-up was riddled with serious flaws.

A club born in suspicious and hostile circumstances, permanently plagued with cash crisis after crisis and the lack of any deep-founded internal structure, the truth was that the Cosmos were dead for years, it was just that nobody wanted to admit it.

That doesn't mean that a team from the capital isn't vital for Australian football, it is.

But I can't help remembering the words of long-time Canberra stalwart Mirko Skrnjug: the Cosmos is like a mangy dog, shoot it, and let's get on with another club.

The obvious fact is that there are many people in Canberra who agree with that also.

I would hope that they now have the time to do their homework, put together a battle plan and give birth to a club for the people of the people - for that is the only way that a club can prosper in the most political of all Australian cities.

And it is also my wish that we all learn from this terrible period.

We go into the new season with a 13 team comp and a bye.

There are signs that another two clubs, at least, have financial difficulties serious enoguh to threaten their longevity.

They don't need to be pilloried, to have their confidence eroded from within the game.

Sure we need to cast a watchful eye and avoid the rah-rah ultra promotional silliness which refuses to acknowledge any deficiencies, but at the same time we need to be supportive of our game.

Heaven knows, that we have few friends in an over-jealous sporting community.

Even Blind Freddie knows of the enormous potential that our great game has.

Soccer Australia chairman Ian Knop says that he is sick of hearing about our untapped potential.

Instead he wants to see it realised.

And so does everyone else.

But for that to happen we need to stop these senseless internal wars.

Maybe Canberra Cosmos was a sick dog that really needed to be put down - but it could have been done a few years ago and saved everybody a lot of pain and suffering in the meantime.

Hopefully we've now learned a lesson.

Only time will tell.

***SuperSoccer* editor Bruce Campbell is one of Australia's senior football journalists. In over a decade he has edited every major football publication in this country and has never been afraid to turn his pen on the tough subjects.**
The Canberra Cosmos have been described as a mangy dog. Now they have been put down isn't it time to heal our own wounds and stop the senseless bickering which is destroying our great game?

Okon likely to stay in Farina's plans as 'Boro struggle again

Middlesbrough's mini-revival has shuddered to a halt in an unhappy weekend for Australians playing in England's Premier League.

Socceroo captain Paul Okon came on in a triple substitution in the second half but could not stop his side crashing to a 3-1 loss to Southampton in a dismally unattractive game.

And Hayden Foxe remained on the bench in West Ham's disastrous 5-0 capitulation to Everton.

Boro keeper Mark Schwarzer let in two goals in six minutes - goals which doubled Saints' total tally for the season so far and sent Boro fans streaming from the ground.

Middlesbrough managed to narrowly avoid relegation last season and had looked promising this year, taking seven points from the past three matches.

But against their likely relegation rivals, the players returned to the form which saw them lose their opening four games of the season.

Aussie skipper Paul Okon

A bitterly disappointed Middlesbrough boss Steve McClaren said his players had let themselves and the supporters down.

"Today was a big test for them," he said.

"There was an expectancy from everybody, the staff and the fans, but this was a game we were expected to win, particularly after the performances in our previous four matches.

"But that can sometimes carry a different kind of pressure and on the day we did not pass this particular test."

Middlesbrough was clearly missing inspirational skipper Paul Ince, a late withdrawal with a viral infection.

Hammers boss Glenn Roeder locked his team in the dressing room for 45 minutes after their thrashing by Everton and apologised to fans for the abject display.

Meanwhile another Socceroo, Mark Bosnich, is still not playing first team football at Chelsea.

Bosnich's absence from regular first team football will likely cost him a place in Socceroo coach Frank Farina's squad which will be announced later this month.

Farina has a dilemma already over his team captain Paul Okon.

Okon is not part of Middlesbrough's starting eleven plans but the indications are that Farina will stick by him.

"As much as I would like him to be playing regular first team football, he's never let Australia down," Farina told Sydney's Daily Telegraph.

"I can cite the game against Scotland as a classic example.

"He'd come back from a broken foot and was arguably man of the match against the Scots.

"Maybe Steve McClaren (Middlesbrough manager) is trying to force Paul's hand.

"It's all very odd.

"Paul was one of their heroes last season and helped the club survive in the Premier League.

"But I don't see it as a major drama.

"I've been in this position with other players before."

FIFA re-admit Lebanon

WORLD governing boby FIFA has readmitted as a member the Lebanese Football Federation, the body's secretary-general Bahige Abou Hamzi said here on Wednesday.

FIFA expelled the Lebanese in July after bitter internal wrangles led Sports Minister Sebouh Hovnanian to dissolve the federation leadership.

But with a new executive board in place, FIFA had agreed to again accpet Lebanese membership clearing the way for participation in FIFA-organised events.

FAIRFIELD BULLS

NSW SUPER CADET & SUPER YOUTH LEAGUE

TRIALS

AGE UNDER 11, 12, 13

Tuesday 9 October, Thursday 11 October, Saturday 13 October

UNDER 11, 12:

5-6.30pm Tuesday, Thursday, 9am-10.30am Saturday

UNDER 13:

6.30-8pm Tuesday, Thursday, 10.30am-noon Saturday

AGE UNDER 14, 15, 17

Monday 8 October, Wednesday 10 October, Saturday 13 October

UNDER 14, 15:

5-6.30pm Monday, Wednesday, 12-1.30pm Saturday

UNDER 17:

6.30-8pm Monday, Wednesday, 1.30-3pm

TRIALS will be conducted at KNIGHT PARK (entrance on Donald Street, Yennora).

TRIALISTS are asked to be there 30 minutes prior to start.

Argentina retire number 10 shirt in Maradona's honour

ARGENTINA'S football federation (AFA) has decided to retire the number 10 shirt in honour of their greatest-ever player Diego Maradona.

The proposal of AFA president and FIFA vice-president Julio Grondona to remove the number 10 from all their national teams, even youth sides, has been unanimously approved.

The move will come into force on November 14, the day of their last South American 2002 World Cup qualifier at Uruguay, though Marcelo Bielsa's team already have their ticket for the tournament in South Korea and Japan.

Four days before at Boca Juniors' Bombonera stadium, Maradona will wear the Argentina number 10 shirt for the last time in a match in his honour against a world all-star team.

Grondona however explained that there would be a problem with FIFA regulations because world championships require squads to be numbered from 1 to 22.

"When the moment comes we will ask that the number 10 shirt not be used," Grondona said.

At the moment, River Plate's Ariel Ortega usually wears that number.

Maradona played for Argentina between 1977 and 1994, earning 91 caps and scoring 34 goals.

Arguably his most famous goals were scored against England in the 1986 World Cup quarter-finals, the first being scored with "The Hand of God" and the second a superb solo effort widely described as one of the best World Cup goals of all time.

Argentina went on to win the trophy that year in Mexico for a second time.

Four years later in Italy in 1990, Argentina led by a diminished Maradona lost in the final to Germany.

At junior level, Maradona won the world under-20 title in Japan in 1979.

Since the beginning of last year, 40-year-old Maradona has been having treatment for drug abuse at a Cuban clinic.

As far as a future career Maradona is hoping to gain the Boca Juniors coaching job when Carlos Bianchi departs from the post on December 3 later this year.

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Overseas agents swoop on Parklea for junior football festival

by Bruce Campbell and agencies

ARKLEA looked like a refie for talent scouts at the eekend as club representaes from England, France, olland, Germany and otland flew into town for the itional Talent Identification ampionships.

The NTIC is an annual tourment which brings together e best in Under 15 and der 16 talent from across e country to represent their ate.

This year's NTIC is taking ace at Valentine Sports Park Glenwood in Sydney, from th September to 6th tober.

But it is a far cry from my n playing days at the tional youth championships Melbourne when barely a ndful of people sood on the delines.

Times have changed and erseas talent scouts flock to e jamboree of Australian otball youth.

Ironically, the majority estaying at the one hotel in Sydney's west.

The NTIC aims to identify potential junior national team members, and gives players a chance to be spotted for NSL clubs, the AIS and NTC programs.

It also gives state federations the opportunity to appraise their development programs, while players can evaluate their own individual skills against other players.

The current Joeys squad, which recently returned from the FIFA Under-17 World Championship is made up of talented players identified at last year's Nationals, and this year's tournament should prove no different.

Many of Australia's best players have come through the NTIC ranks, gone to the Institutes and Academies, then into the NSL and eventually overseas.

Many of Australia's current Socceroos were first spotted as 14 and 15 year olds at the NTIC.

What do some of these players think of the National Talent Identification Championships?

Steve Horvat – former Australian U-17, U-20 and LG Socceroo, played with Hadjuk Split in Croatia, currently with NSL club Melbourne Knights: "It's important for juniors own development to gauge how young players from each area are progressing in that age group.

"It gives them almost a sense of place and a level on which to compare themselves."

Stuart McLaren – AIS scholarship holder, played with Stirling Albion in Scotland, currently captains NSL club Brisbane Strikers: "From the Championships, many players have gone onto the Institutes and Academies, and I was fortunate enough to go to the AIS.

"Institutes and Academies can then develop a player into something special.

"It's been proven by the likes of Mark Viduka, Craig Moore, Harry Kewell."

Ange Postecoglou –Former Australian U-20 and LG Socceroo, captained and coached NSL club South Melbourne, currently Australian National Youth Coach and responsible for continuing talent identification and development of soccer's junior elite: "The Championships gives me the opportunity to assess our next crop of national representatives, while they are competing at the highest level against their peers, a situation which is ideal for the challenges that are faced in international competition."

Clayton Bell – Captained Australia at the World Championships at Under-17 level in 1995, graduated from the Victorian Institute of Sport, former Eastern Pride captain, recently signed with Melbourne NSL club South Melbourne: "It's important from a national junior team's point of view, to see what talent is coming through.

"For the players themselves, it's valuable to be recognised by national coaches and Institutes."

PALACE NEED TO IMPROVE

SOCCEROO Tony Popovic says his new English club Crystal Palace must improve if they are to have any chance of promotion to the Premier League.

Popovic, who joined Palace last month on a free transfer from Japanese club Hiroshima, said the team had to work harder after a mixed start to the Division One season.

Palace conceded 11 goals and lost its first three matches before recovering to win its last two without a goal scored against it.

"There is potential here to go for promotion, but we have had an indifferent start," the Australian defender, 28, told London newspaper The Evening Standard.

"We've conceded a lot of soft goals which has been disappointing because we need a strong defence to form a challenge.

"We can't just have one good game and then have a slump for two or three games.

"Our form has been erratic and we are not happy about it.

"It is still early days but we don't want to be in a relegation battle, we want to be higher up the table to lay down the foundations of a good year."

Popovic admitted he was still not at his best after missing out on the pre-season while waiting for his work permit to be approved.

But he said he was getting stronger.

"My fitness is improving and I'll soon be at the level I want to be," he said.

NEPEAN DISTRICT SOCCER FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE TRIALS 2002 SEASON

WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE
(1st Grade & Under 21s)
Tuesday & Thursday nights
Commencing October 16th from 7pm

SUPER YOUTH LEAGUE
13th, 20th, 27th October & 3rd November
Under 13: 6pm Under 14: 4pm
Under 15: 2pm Under 17: 12 noon

JUNIOR LEAGUE
17th, 24th & 31st October
Under 12 6pm

GIRLS YOUTH LEAGUE
October 28th: Cook Park
November 4th: Summerhayes Park, Winmalee
November 11th: Cook Park
Under 12s: 12.30pm Under 14s: 2pm Under 16s: 2pm

MEN'S FEDERATION STATE LEAGUE
(1st Grade, Under 21s, Under 19s)
Youyh & men: John Todd 0418 969 540
Women & Girls: Jim Bradley 0417 272 370

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UNDER 18, 21 & FIRST GRADE

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October 15, 17, 22 ,24, 29, 31
November 5, 7
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YOUTH LEAGUE DIVISION 1 TRIALS

Jardine Park, Casula

UNDER 11	Oct 6	9.30am	Oct 8, 11, 18	6.30pm
UNDER 12	Oct 6	10.30am	Oct 8, 11, 18	7.30pm
UNDER 13	Oct 6	11.30am	Oct 9, 12, 19	6.30pm
UNDER 14	Oct 6	12.30am	Oct 9, 12, 19	7.30pm
UNDER 15	Oct 6	1.30pm	Oct 10, 16, 23	6.30pm
UNDER 17	Oct 6	2.30pm	Oct 10, 16, 23	7.30pm

ENQUIRIES: TONY STAMBOULIE 0417 253 483

FOOTBALL WEEKLY FORUM

THE NSW SUPER YOUTH League has proven to be a highly topical issue in footballing circles in the past year.
With the amount of young talent on display and the potential for these young players to go on to bigger things, many clubs have realised that they are a big asset.
With kids as young as eleven or twelve running around with price tags over their heads, the youth league has become an important part of club structures.
Next season will see an elite youth league competition based on the 14 strongest clubs from this seasons Super Youth and Cadet leagues.
What do you think should be the format for next season's youth league? We asked some prominent youth league personalities the question.

Laki Konistis (Canterbury Marrickville):
"The competition they have advised for next season goes against the interests of fair play.
"Nobody knew of the Federation's decision until the last minute and I think it should revert to the same format it was this season.
"I think that most if not all of the Premier League clubs will agree.
"The Federation need to go back to the drawing board and set forward clear regulations, objectives and guidelines for the 2003 season so that the fiasco we are now experiencing doesn't happen again."

Ken Schembri (Blacktown City):
"I think next year's competition is a step in the right direction.
"I think the more elite the competition the better it is for the players and their development.
"Most clubs would prefer to play at a higher standard and it's better for the kids and the clubs to play on better grounds and in better conditions.
"So I think that a 14 team competition is better than a 20 team competition."

Michael Dahdal (Sydney Olympic):
"I don't have a problem with an elite competition.
"I think the problem with last season's competition has been that there were six or seven strong teams and the rest fell by the wayside.
"I'd love to see a home and away competition where each side plays each other twice and it should be the first past the post."

Charlie Davidson (Eastern Suburbs):
"I think that the strong clubs are getting stronger and the smaller are getting smaller.
"It's a bit sad that all these kids want to go and play for these clubs with all these academies.
"Everyone knows we have the product, it's just sad to see clubs like us, Fairfield Bulls and Bonnyrigg and so on don't really have a say.
"I don't think that the play-off situation they had with Macarthur and Southern Branch was right.
"We'll just start with what we got and get the right environment for the kids to develop."

90 MINUTES WITH Brian Brown

FOOTBALL WEEKLY'S ADAM LETO ASKS THE QUESTIONS .....

IN today's modern era of coaches it's not too often that you see a coach stay with a team for more than a couple of years. That's what makes the feats of Blacktown City coach Brian Brown the more special.

Now in his fourth year at Blacktown, he has not only played a role in the standing of the club but more importantly has showcased his loyalty and passion for the game.

One of the most successful coaches at a state league level, Brown talks about his past and what he wants to achieve in the future.

FootballWeekly:
How did you first get into coaching?
Brian Brown:
"I was a player/assistant coach at Brunswick Juventus where Len McKendry was coach.
"I then moved to New Zealand and didn't do anything for a year before helping out as assistant coach at Hawick (NZ).
"I then moved back to Sydney and because it was my first time here I didn't really know anyone.
"The only people I knew were the guys I played against in the National League and I hadn't played since 1985.
"I knew Lawrie McKinna and he was coach of Hills United in the first division so I was assistant there for two years before joining Blacktown as assistant to Alex Robertson in 1998.
"Since then I've been coach of the first grade squad here at Blacktown."

FootballWeekly:
Is coaching something that you have wanted to pursue as a career or just something you do for enjoyment?
Brian Brown:
"Coaching is something that I've always wanted to do ever since I was playing back in Scotland.
"I can remember back when I was playing as a 21-year-old doing this coaching certificate with Paul Donnelly in Scotland.
"We both failed it because we just simply didn't know the rules of the game."

FootballWeekly:
What then makes a good coach?
Brian Brown:
"A good coach is someone who is able to work with the players and get them to respond to you.
"The days when players were ruled by fear are well and truly over.
"Yelling and screaming at players doesn't work anymore.
"You've got to be able to get your point across and get everyone working towards achieving the same goal.
"Probably the most important thing is selecting the right players.
"The players are not necessarily the best ones but the right ones that fit in with what you want.
"Also you have to make sure that side gets along as a team."

FootballWeekly:
Is coaching in the NSL one of your goals?
Brian Brown:
"I'd love to coach in the NSL.
"My aim is to coach at the highest level possible.
"Unfortunately positions in the NSL don't come up that often.
"I've got mates that are always saying I should be coaching in the NSL and I should be doing this and talking to this guy or whatever.
"I do go to a lot of games and I do talk to a lot of people, but I don't go u people and start talking to them so t can get a job in a year's time.
"I'm a believer that if I get the re then it will come up eventually and confident that I could do the job."

FootballWeekly:
Would you say that your coachin based upon what you learnt as a pla
Brian Brown:
"No, not really.
"I learnt a lot from Len McKendry he's a fantastic coach.
"He got me thinking like a coach, player and explained how things ha and why they happen.
"Terry Hennessy was another w played under and was assistant to.
"He was one of the nicest guys taught me a lot about the manag side of things."

Leon Gardikiotis: "I'm not naked - I could have done a job at Canberra"

by Bruce Campbell

THE appointment of Leon Gardikiotis as coach of the Canberra Cosmos was met with ridicule within the industry.

Many of his colleagues laughed at the suggestion that a man without any NSL playing experience and no serious previous Australian coaching experience could even be considered as an NSL coach.

Gardikiotis himself railed at the suggestions.

Instead he quoted friendships and relationships with overseas luminaries like Gerard Houllier of Liverpool and Arsene Wenger of Arsenal.

That only served to bring bigger howls of derision.

Likewise his playing credentials which when exposed were more than just a bit paper thin.

And stories emanating from Canberra that his senior players were laughing at Gardikiotis during training sessions did little to inspire any media confidence in Canberra's new on-field guru.

Before this coaching 'nobody' had gone some serious heavyweights: Mike Lyons, England B international and long time Everton skipper, Branko Culina, NSL coach of the Year, an Rale Rasic, still the only man to take Australia to a World Cup finals.

In the end they all failed, so how could a man who many within the ranks of coaches called an imposter succeed?

But despite all of that no-one but the hardest heart could feel anything but compassion for the man who was prepared to put up with all of that to grab his chance at the big time.

"I'm not a light weight," he told SuperSoccer after the dumping bombshell had been dropped.

"They say that I don't have any experience, but I do.

"I'm not naked.

"Most of my coaching has been overseas.

"But I am well schooled, I have more qualifications than most of the coaches in the NSL.

"I'm not trying to rubbish anyone else," he added, "but I honestly believe that I am better than most of them.

"I just wanted a chance to prove it."

Sadly, for Leon Gardikiotis, he didn't get that chance.

And now he has to pick up the financial pieces of a deal gone wrong.

"My wife gave up her job when we moved to Canberra," he said.

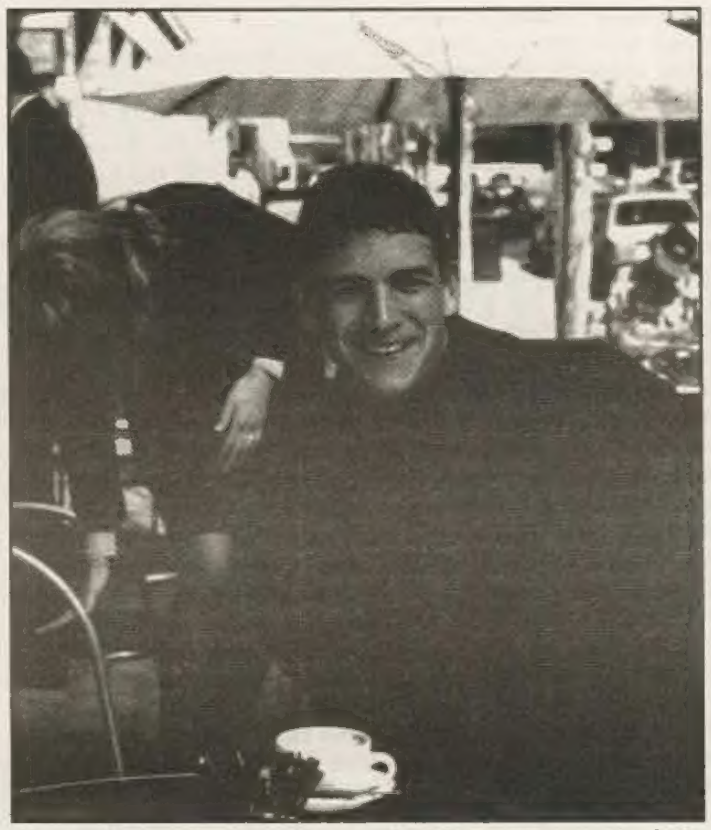
"We also put our house in Sydney up for rent and I have a 12 month lease on a house in Canberra.

"I don't know what I am going to do.

"I am taking legal advice but I can't see me suing a club which has nothing."

Gardikiotis was the surprise choice of Bill Bariamis, the Sydney businessman who was fronting the consortium attempting to gain control of the Cosmos.

Bariamis also has a controlling interest at NSWPL club St George and it was his intention to give a chance to someone with fresh ideas, with new blood, rather than one of the other coaches on the merry-go-round of out-of-work top coaches.



Happy days at Canberra: Ivan Zelic doing a PR shoot in Civic. Now it is all over and Zelic, like other past stars, plays his football wth Belconnen or with other clubs.

Gardikiotis had been earlier earmarked for the job at St George until the opportunity came for Bariamis to gain control at Canberra.

Instead Gardikiotis recommended his assistant, Paul Degney, for the vacancy at the Saints.

"I recommended my assistants for the St George job," the passionate Gardikiotis said.

"I wish them the best of luck.

"This situation has nothing to do with them and it wouldn't be ethically right for me to try and get the St George job back.

"I don't know what will happen but it looks like I won't get another chance in Australia for a while.

"Maybe I'll have to head overseas again.

"But I wanted to prove myself in Australia.

"I honestly believe we had a good squad at Canberra.

"I don't want to go backwards and would ask anybody to have a serious look at me because I know I can do a job in the NSL.

"I had offers from overseas but took the Canberra job instead.

"I had been offered head coach positions in smaller countries and assistant coach positions in bigger countries but I wanted a chance to prove myself in Australia because most of my work has been overseas."

Impostor or not, talented newcomer or another lamb to the slaughter we will never know.

And unless there is an NSl chairman out there who hasn't heard the innuendo sweeping the close-knit Australian coaching industry it is unlikely that Leon Gardikiotis will ever get his chance.

***UP** until 3pm last Friday the Cosmos were still prepared to fight on. The embattled club had instructed their staff to prepare for this week's opening round.*

They had even told the media that they would be playing and as recently as Wednesday had signed George Kulscar to mastermind their new campaign.

But then came the news it was all over. The fight had been fought, now the club was releasing its players and staff.

The Canberra Cosmos have gone, the 19th club to drop from the NSL to oblivion since 1977.

New Canberra team bid too late

THE Canberra Cosmos club received the news of its sacking last week with vigour.

Plans to pursue legal action after being dumped from the National Soccer League were quickly formulated.

Soccer Australia cut the Cosmos from the 14-team competition last Wednesday when its $44,000 affiliation fee cheque bounced just nine days before the official kickoff of the new season.

Bill Bariamis, who was seen at one stage as the club's saviour, has now gone into the history books as the shortest reign of any NSL club chairman.

He was installed into the Cosmos hot seat on Tuesday - and had less than 24 hours to enjoy the position before his club was dropped.

Meanwhile a new club was already emerging.

Led by long-time Canberran Jeff Constantinou it was said that they had pledges totalling $6million from local businessmen. They put a proposal to Soccer Australia for admission to the NSL ten days ago but it was too late.

"We have the money, the premises, we have the name, the strip, a coach and the players," their spokesman told *The Canberra Times*.

"We need a team in Canberra and if it's not going to happen this year, then we'll apply to join the NSL next year.

"We talked to Soccer Australia on Sunday night and told them we had a consortium of people to put money in, but they said we'd run out of time.

"They said if we wanted to do it, we'd have to take over the Cosmos debts.

"The local business people weren't going to do that.

"I believe the club is more than $400,000 in debt, and our people want to spend money to make money, they don't want to buy debt.

"The local investors are not going to support the debts of the Cosmos.

"This is an (overseas) investor who wants to do business in Australian sport.

"Canberra is going to be full of money.

"It will have its own club, its own premises, and be run as a proper business, and we'll have money to buy better players."

The extent of the Canberra club's indebtedness became apparent despite the constant assurances by the previous board that they were debt free.

The plans by Sydney businessman Bill Bariamis to take over the club eventually proved fruitless with Soccer Australia obviously having no confidence in the promises of a cash injection which never came.

Meanwhile the possibility of a midweek knockout cup competition involve the 13 NSL clubs and State League teams has been mooted but without adequate planning and preparation it would surely be doomed to failure.

Impressions of Australian Soccer

CONTINUING with articles from *Australian Soccer News/Monthly*. This article, written by Auburn's English international import Chris Crowe, was published in the June 1969 issue. It gives valuable first impressions of the local scene - as well as a rare insight into the future of Australia football. Time has proven Chris Crowe right in every respect.

by Chris Crowe

BEFORE I ever set foot in Australia, people back home Britain warned me not to complain about anything when I got here.

They said the average Australian gets pretty mad if "outsiders" dare to criticise anything or anyone after they arrive here.

For that reason I have no intention of upsetting anyone in this particular article.

When the Editor of "Soccer News" asked me to contribute my first impressions of Australian Soccer to this issue, I thought he had moved in quicker than some tough-tackling full-backs I've come up against.

In fact I'd only been in Sydney two days when I was "booked" by "Soccer News".

Lets hope that is the only booking I get on the local soccer scene.

First impressions could be misleading: on the other hand, they are often fairly accurate, so I'm willing to have a go.

As far as the place itself is concerned, I must confess I have been most impressed by my first few days in Sydney.

This is a beautiful city, and although I have had only the briefest glimpses of some of your world-famous beaches, I'm sure I shall see much more of them in the summer.

My wife Margaret and the girls, Susan and Carole, share my enthusiasm for Sydney - and most of all, we love the weather.

We arrived on Wednesday, May 14, and after some early morning fog, the sun shone all day.

On the Thursday, guess what?

More sunshine and blue skies.

Margaret said: "Come and have a look. The sun is shining two days running."

Australians may think I'm kidding, but there must he thousands of "pommies" here who could appreciate a new arrival making that sort of a remark.

When you're used to grey skies, rain and cold for most of the year it really is something to see this glorious sunshine.

But I'm sure you don't want a weather report from Chris Crowe.

I realise quite a few European footballers come here for a two-years stay to try to pick up as much money as possible, and then return to their home country.

I don't think that will! happen to me.

I said, these are early days, but already feel I am in Sydney for good.

After all, what is there to go back to in Britain?

The Auburn club could not have been kinder to me and my family.

As soon as I arrived I was given a nice flat near the club.

The refrigerator was packed with food.

I said I could do with a television set.

It was brought almost immediately.

Various other presents were sent to us, including a beautiful bunch of flowers, with a message "welcome to Australia."

So when soccer folk in Sydney suggest I made mistake when a I joined a team which has little match support, and which is fighting against relegation, I can only ask them: "What other club would done as much for the Crowe family as Auburn?"

Very few, surely.

All I can do to repay all this kindness is to help Auburn climb the competition table and I shall certainly do all in my power to make sure this happens.

We certainly got off on the right foot with that encouraging 5-0 win over Yugal-Ryde in my first match.

Sure, I know Yugal are not the best of teams.

Their position in the table proves that.

Even so, every footballer will tell you that nothing is given away in this game.

You must win your matches, no matter how good or inferior the opposition.

The Yugal game had to be won and Auburn won it.

The style I encountered that afternoon was different to anything I had experienced previously in England or Scotland.

I get the impression that too many players here are trying too hard to do too much all the time.

Soccer is a simple game, so why make it complicated?

And accurate pass from A to B is worth more than all the chasing and fancy stuff.

Accuracy is achieved more easily by a gentle stroke of the ball rather than a full-blooded drive.

Accuracy, too, is helped when you slow down the game, instead of going hell for leather for 90 minutes.

These are simple basic principles, but in my first game in Australia I thought many players were ignoring them.

As far as my own performance was concerned, I was reasonably pleased.

After all that travelling, going halfway around the world in about 28 hours, 'I was not in the best of condition.

But, having taken most of the first half to find my feet, the second half went quite satisfactorily.

I was surprised to discover that the Auburn forward line had scored hardly any goals before I joined them.

There was reasonable talent in that front line -certainly more than the "goals for" column in the competition table indicated.

It could be that the forwards needed an experienced general to give them some help, and I was able to supply that sort of help.

Also, their confidence must have been shattered by a succession of disappointing results.

If I can help to restore some of that confidence, the players' natural ability will be improved 100 per cent.

Take young Gary Quested, for instance.

Against Yugal-Ryde, Gary had a very good game, but some people told me he hadn't played like that in a long, long time.

Now Gary Quested didn't suddenly become a good footballer.

The talent must have been always there.

All it needed was bringing out.

Towards the end of the game young Gary was playing with tremendous confidence.

He certainly gave the Yugal defenders a terrible time with his dangerous raiding down that right wing.

I am hoping that the Crowe-Quested partnership will produce many more worrying afternoons for opposition defences.

On the day after my debut game, I went to Wentworth Park t6 have a look at Apia playing Pan Hellenic.

I know these are two of Australia's leading teams, but the match was something of a disappointment.

Apia played a lot of good football, mainly due to the experienced midfield play of Pat Hughes, Fil Bottalico and Archie Blue, but Pan Hellenic relied too much on sheer enthusiasm.

They were chasing like mad things towards the end of the game, and they could easily have snatched a winning goal as Apia reeled under the onslaught.

Perhaps Pan Hellenic would do better to slow down their style of football.

Or am I being presumptuous in offering such advice?

One of my most enjoyable afternoons soon after I arrived here was spent at "The Sun" Coaching Clinic at Manly.

I have always enjoyed helping youngsters to improve their game, so I felt right at home with those hundreds of kids at Graham Reserve.

People tell me there are nearly 100,000 juniors and amateurs playing the round ball game in the State of New South Wales.

This is a remarkable reservoir of young talent which, properly handled, must surely provide Australia with local players of real ability in the years to come.

Even if 95 per cent of those kids never mature into first team material, that still leaves plenty on whom to build this nation's soccer future.

Where does that future lie?

I have not been here long enough to answer that question.

Nevertheless, I'll stick my neck out and state that clubs filling their first grade teams with imported professionals are doing Australian soccer a lot of harm.

In a country such as this there will always have to be imports, because experience of big time football in Europe and South America is something Australia must have.

The big time knowledge will have to be brought here by players and coaches, although there ought to be a limit on the numbers fielded in each team.

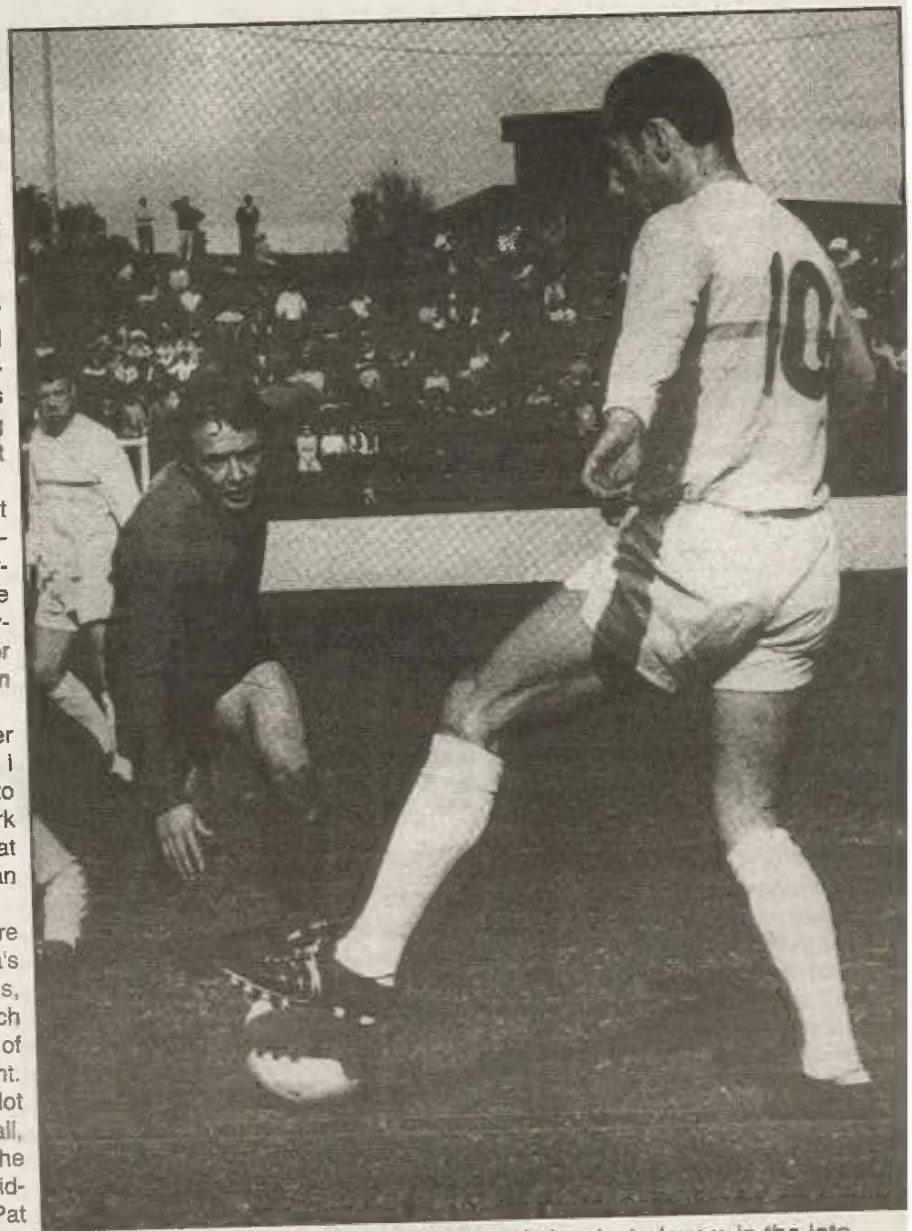
If Australian boys are squeezed out of First Division soccer in Sydney, they will very quickly lose all interest in the game.

And it would be a tragedy to waste that 100,000-strong pool of youngsters.

in case I am treading on anyone's corns I'd better say no more about where Australian soccer is heading.

Let's just say that I'm hoping the future is as bright as the weather in Sydney.

And Chris Crowe would like to be a part of that future.



TOMMY ANDERSON was one of Sydney's hardest players in the late 1960s. He had previously played in Melbourne after a solid career in Scotland and England and after retiring from the local game went into football journalism. Here is on the ball for St George in 1969, with South Coas

Team spirit the key for hungry Wolves

By Adam Leto

THE Wollongong Wolves have been their own worst enemy over the past two years.

Having won the last two National League championships and set such high footballing standards the pressure is on the South Coast club.

"Yeah but it's a good type of pressure," explains midfielder and club captain Stuart Young.

"It's the type of pressure that most teams dream of having.

"Last year most people had written us off at the start of the season because we had lost a few players and with all the controversy about the World Club Championship.

"But we were always confident.

"We knew that we had basically the same team as the year before, plus we had picked up two very good players in Middleby and Anastasiadis."

The Wolves have again reshaped their line-up with a majority of their attacking options from last season picked up by rival clubs or playing overseas.

"This year we've lost four out of our six attacking players," Young says.

"But we've picked up some good players who will be more than capable replacements.

"Sean Babic is a proven player at this level and we're really excited with what he's shown so far.

"Naum Sekulovski also proved himself in China and one game he came on and won us the game.

"Liam Austin is another one who has been impressive and we're hoping that he progresses this season."

The Wolves pre-season work consisted of a successful tour of China before heading home and testing themselves against the local sides.

"The trip to China was a good opportunity for the new guys to blend in and we had some good wins," Young admits.

"We had a one-all draw against the Power recently, but that was probably the worst we had played all pre-season.

"We had some great chances and were unlucky not to win."

Young is under no illusion of what he expects from the Wolves this season.

"It doesn't matter what club you're from, everyone will be aiming for a Top Six finish," he says.

"But it probably won't be until after Christmas that we can have a better idea on where we want to finish.

"Last season we re-assessed where we wanted to finish after Christmas and our goal was to finish in the top two."

Past Wolves sides have been based around a determined work ethic and desire to play for each other.

This season will be no different according to Young.

"If you have a look at a side like Bolton in the English Premier League, they had been written off but they showed what can be achieved through team spirit and organisation," he says.

"Team spirit coupled with good players is why we've won the past two championships.

"It might take a few weeks for the side to come together but I'm sure once it does we'll be right up there again."

Parramatta looking to shake off under achievers tag with new blend

By Adam Leto

WITH the tag of under-achievers hovering around their heads, assistant coach of Parramatta Power Lawrie McKinna has warned that this year's side will carry a different attitude.

"Last season we had players in the background that were causing trouble and now they're gone," McKinna states.

"It probably took us a bit too long to identify which players they were and I think that cost us.

"But I think this season we have the right mix with the established players and the ones that we have brought in."

Gone from the Power this season is the experience of Walter Ardone and Steve Berry.

Strikers Joel Griffiths, Brendan Santalab and Joe Miller also leave the Power with a lack of strike-power up front, although John Buonavoglia is a more than handy acquisition from Newcastle.

"We're probably a bit light up front," admits McKinna.

"We've signed 19 players and I'd say we would probably end up with a squad of about 20 or 21.

"We're looking to bring on another striker to fill in up front."

On top of Buonavoglia, other newcomers to the Power this season include Brad Groves back from Leeds United, Matthew Langdon from Northern Spirit and Lubo Lapsansky from the Melbourne Knights.

Wayne O'Sullivan and Steve Fitzsimmons round off the signings.

So far McKinna is pleased with how the new players have gelled with the squad.

"Everyone has fitted in really well and there are no problems, everything is going well at this stage," he says.

"Last season our problem was that our squad was probably too big.

"This season we've lowered it and that has made it a lot easier to manage.

"We have a lot of young players coming through such as Brett Holman.

"So there will be plenty of competition for places but I don't expect guys to drop their bundle if they are not picked because if they do they'll be gone."

So far the Power have looked impressive in pre-season but McKinna is not using the results as a gauge to how the season will unfold.

"Last season we won every pre-season match," he laughs.

"It's good to get the results but we're not using it as an indication of how we will fare this season.

"Everyone will be aiming for a spot in the Top Six but we're looking that little bit higher and would like to finish in the top three."

Sevrin happy with loyalty at junior Stallions

MARCONI have an established tradition of building Australian superstars. Harry Kewell, Paul Okon and Steve Corica are but a few who have risen from the Bossley Park club to reach world-wide stardom.

This tradition has become part of the culture at Marconi and no doubt the Stallions Super Cadet and Youth League players are looking at forging similar paths.

The junior Stallions finished fourth in the club championship with their Under 12s taking out the Grand Final.

"I believe this year was a success even though we finished second the year before," explains youth co-ordinator Lisa Sevrin.

"One of the main highlights for us this season has been the way all the coaches have come together.

"At the start of the year we had a bit of turmoil but all the coaches all banded together and the team spirit was just great.

"The kids love being here and that has been a major factor behind our success."

It was the work that was put in behind the scenes that made this season special according to Sevrin.

"We don't have a technical director of coaches here at Marconi," she says.

"Basically all our coaches come together and help each other out.

"Obviously a big moment for us was our Under 12s winning the Grand Final.

"They're a great bunch of young boys who have a really great attitude towards the game.

"But they're only one team, the other sides also did well and there are too many good players to single out just one or two."

The future too, is looking good for Marconi as they continue to push forward and develop their younger players.

With next season's elite competition consisting of fourteen high-calibre teams the club was left with little option but to raise the ante.

"Our 11s and 12s sides for next season are finalised," Sevrin admits.

"We're now looking at getting our other sides ready.

"Trials have been going really well and we've been attracting an extra 50 kids each time.

"All round the competition for next season is going to be stronger and there are a lot of kids floating around that want to be part of it."

Marconi was rewarded for their good performances this season with a number of their players receiving special recognition.

David Rowinski picked up the coveted Harry Kewell award, and Chris Theodosiou from the 15s and Christian Sencion of the 14s were named in the Junior All-Star eleven.

"I can say that I probably have somewhat of a personal attachment to a lot of the boys," Sevrin concedes

"When you see them come through from Under 8s or 9s it's only natural.

"Many had the opportunity to go to other clubs but they decided to stay here and have shown great loyalty."

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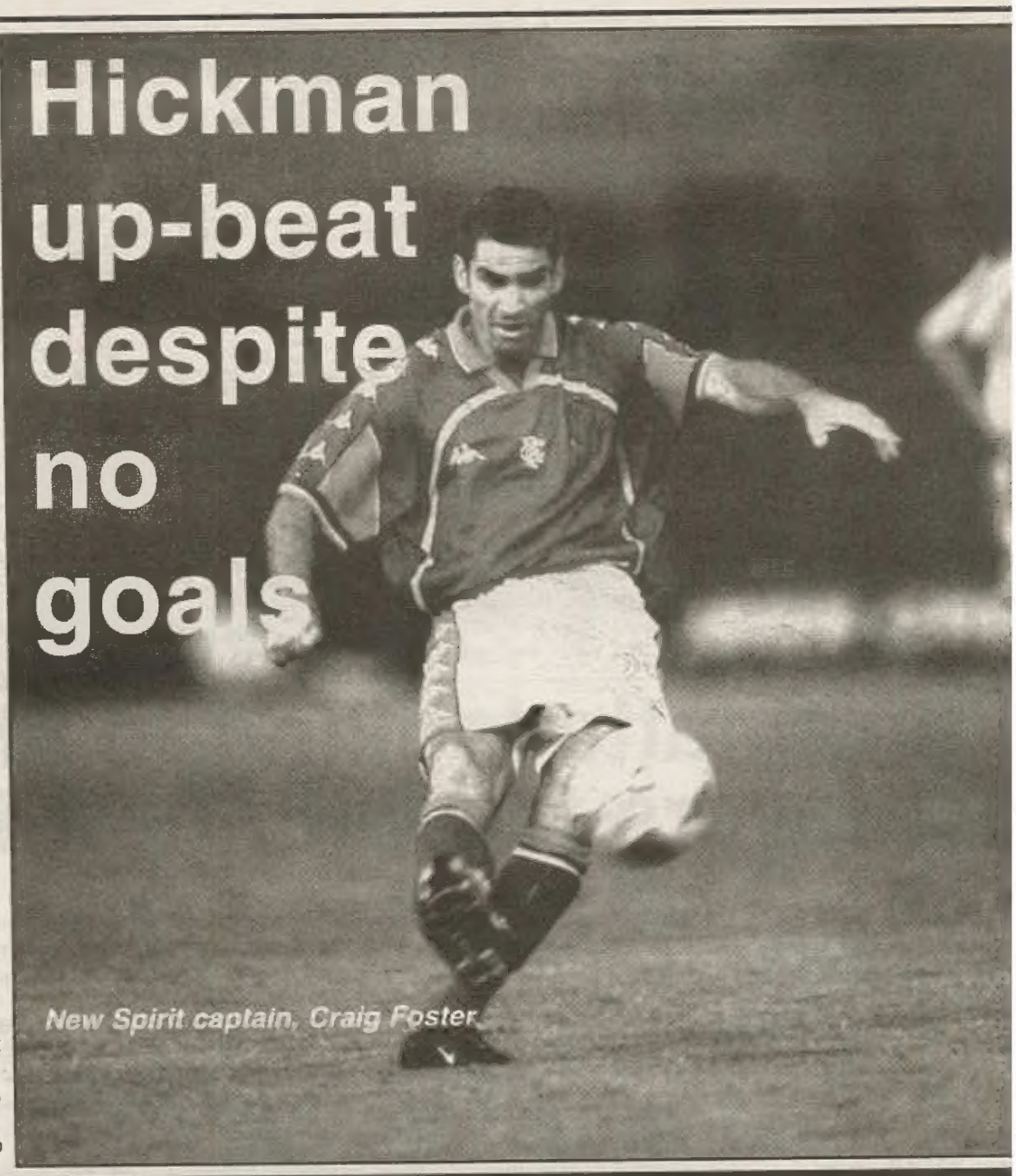
Hickman up-beat despite no goals


New Spirit captain, Craig Foster

HAVING just returned from a tough pre-season hit-out against Perth Glory in Perth, coach of Northern Spirit Mick Hickman is optimistic about side's chances this season.

"We had three very competitive games that really tested us," Hickman concedes.

"It was a great exercise and it showed us how far we had come.

"All three games we could've won and they were all very physical encounters.

"Our last trial game was supposed to be against Canberra, an that would have given us the opportunity to fine-tune things a little bit.

"Now it's on for young and old."

The Spirit lost two and had a scoreless draw in their pre-season matches, but the most concerning thing has been the side's lack of fire-power up front.

With little depth in terms of strikers Hickman will be hoping that his front-pairing of Pablo Cardozo and Adrian Cervinski have an injury-free season.

"We have a few younger boys as well, but they're not quite ready yet," Hickman admits.

"We brought those guys here (Cardozo and Cervinski) for the purpose of being our main strikers. I just think that we might be a bit over-anxious at the moment and too determined to do well. The boys are just not relaxing at the moment, but we're definitely creating the chances and I'm confident we'll be alright."

Hickman's cause was not helped with a thigh strain to Cervinski, who he is hoping will be fit to take his place against Parramatta Power on Saturday night.

Defensively the Spirit have looked very sound and combined with their talented midfield should provide enough of a platform for their strikers.

"Our back four or five have looked very solid," Hickman comments.

"We played against probably the best side in the Wolves and they only scored through a defensive error at the back when we made a mistake with a back-pass.

"Our midfield is close to what I want it to be and I just think they need to gel with the front players. But I'm upbeat about how we're going and am sure we're gong to be very competitive this season."

Leading the Spirit for the first time this season is Craig Foster. The skillful midfielder in just his second season with the Spirit has plenty of both local and international experience behind him.

"Craig is a good organiser and brings the team together," Hickman says. "He has great experience, is a leader both on and off the park as well as being a good communicator."

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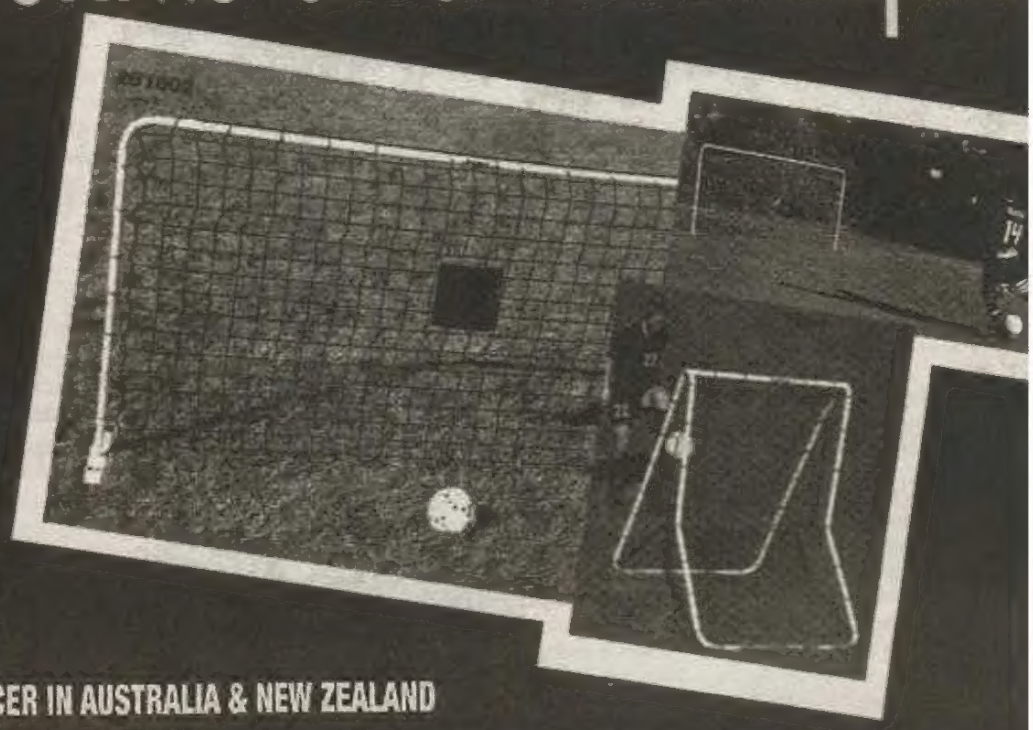

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SO WHO'S TELLING PORKIES?

IT WAS the good news story of the week in a period when everything seemed to go wrong - on and off the ground.

Frank Farina's World Cup preparation plans took a massive skyward rocket when it was announced that star forward Harry Kewell would play in the firendly against France - after patching up a row with IEC's Dominic Galati.

Despite a series of denials to the contrary, Kewell had been boycotting Australia's international against world champions France in Melbourne because of a long-standing feud with Galati, the former SBS Head of Sport who now leads up Soccer Australia's match promotions partner, IEC.

Kewell had accused Galati of claiming he demanded appearance money for Australia's matches against Manchester United two years ago.

He has not played for his country since then.

But Galati said late last week that his comments had been misinterpreted.

"I would like to apologise to Harry for any inconvenience this misunderstanding may have inadvertently caused," he said.

Kewell's Australian agent Bernie Mandic said the apology cleared the way for the player to turn out for Australia in their next three crucial matches– against France and then a World Cup playoff against a South American team, on a home-and-away basis, in November.

"This now closes a chapter of the past that has caused confusion in some Australian soccer circles, and now allows everyone to focus on achieving one thing in November– qualification for the next World Cup," Mandic said.

National coach Frank Farina had said if Kewell didn't play in the France game, he would jeopardise his chances of featuring in the World Cup matches.

Uruguay are Australia's likely opponents for a place at the 2002 World Cup.

There is no doubt that the patch-up is the result of a fair bit of work behind the scenes from Farina who is desperate to ensure his best available selection runs out in the vital clash.

But it seems that someone has had to swallow a bitter pill, because someone has been telling porkies - and a lot of them.

CRAIG FOSTER

By Adam Leto

WHEN most people think about the talented midfielders this country has produced, their thoughts turn to the likes of Okon, Kewell and Emerton.

But one player who was up there with the very best, and to some degree still is, is skillful midfielder Craig Foster.

Having had a major role in Australia's last World Cup campaign, Foster has become the forgotten man of Australian soccer.

Now going into his second season in the NSL since returning from England and newly-appointed captain of Northern Spirit, Foster has proven that he hasn't lost his soft touch and prophetic vision.

A country boy, Foster began playing at the age of four with brother Paul for Goomellabah Soccer Club, in Lismore.

He played with the club up to the age of 15, along the way representing his state, as well as being one of the youngest players in the first ever Australian Joeys in 1985.

"I grew up in a small town with a population of about 35,000," Foster comments.

"It was an ideal place to grow up, close to the coast and as kids we did everything.

"Anything that involved physical activity we did, from surfing, to soccer or cricket we did it."

Country towns are renowned for producing Australian sporting stars but for some reason there aren't too many Australian footballers who have derived from the country, Foster being one of those exceptions.

"I went to Kadina High School with Adam Gilchrist, he was probably the biggest sporting export," he said.

Foster left his hometown in 1986 to join up with the AIS where he spent two years before going to Glasgow Rangers as a then 17-year-old.

"I was with Rangers for a while, but had problems securing a work-permit so I returned to Australia and played for Sydney Croatia for the next two years," adds Foster.

"I then spent some time at both Marconi and Adelaide City.

"I've played in two Grand Finals but I've yet to win one, so it would be nice if I can get one before I retire."

Perhaps the best period of Foster's career was between 1996 and 1997 under then Australian coach Terry Venables.

Player Profile

Name: Craig Foster
Age: 32
Occupation: footballer
First Club: Goomellabah Soccer Club
Played for: Sydney Croatia, Adelaide City, Marconi, Portsmouth Crystal Palace, Northern Spirit
Position: Midfield
Best part of game: Experience

"Venables was a big influence on my career," says Foster.

"They were definitely some good times with the national squad and I think we went on a 17 game unbeaten streak.

"Playing against Brazil in the Confederations Cup where we had a scoreless draw against one of the best sides of all time was a highlight.

"They had guys like Romario, Dunga, Denillson ,who was the most expensive player at the time, and Ronaldo who was at his peak."

Then there was that match which still haunts Australian football fans.

"The game against Iran was just a shocking experience," he confesses.

"It took us a long time to get over it and whenever the side got together that was all we ever talked about.

"It was just a surreal experience.

"I mean how often do you see guys come onto the field and jump onto the goals?"

"Over the course of the two legs it was just two defensive errors that cost us.

"I think that if we had come away from the first leg 1-0 up then we would've gone through because there was no way they were ever going to beat us at home."

Foster also had plenty of experiences playing in England for Crystal Palace and Portsmouth under Terry Venables.

"I was given the captaincy at Crystal Palace in my first year at the club," explains Foster.

"I really enjoyed my time at the club and they have an excellent fan base.

"Despite the problems they had financially the fans showed great loyalty and the team wanted to do well for the club and the supporters."

In his second season back in Australia, Foster believes that the game in Australia still needs a lot of work.

"Well I still had two years left on my contract with Crystal Palace and I only came back because of the problems I was having with securing a work-permit," he says.

"Until the people running the game sort it out, NSL clubs and the NSL will continue to struggle."

Trivia

Favourite Movie: Any Given Sunday
Favourite Food: Barbeque
Favourite Music: Contemporary
Person I'd like to meet: Nobody in particular
Ambitions: To enjoy football and with a bit of luck be successful
If you could have three things on a deserted island: My wife and two kids.

A born leader Foster will no doubt bring back plenty of excitement and interest into the game in this country.

He is rare in that he has both experience, skill and goal-scoring ability and this season will be out to prove that he is not a player that is easily forgotten.

MIDFIELDER Brendan Renaud played alongside Craig Foster at Marconi.

"The time he spent at Marconi was just prior to him heading off overseas," Renaud explains.

"He was always very professional and was an excellent trainer.

"I still speak to him occasionally now, and he has always been an easy person to talk to.

"He is somewhat of a natural leader and he does lead from the front for sure."

Off the field Renaud admits that there is not much to Foster.

"He is as professional off the field as he is on it," Renaud says.

"He is a good bloke and the type of guy that you can just go up to and start talking to, for any reason.

"Across the board he's just very laid-back and very approachable.

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GOALKEEPER TECH TIPS: PREPARING FOR TRIALS

by Jimmy Fraser
ormer Australian World Cup goalkeeper

JIM FRASER in the thick of action playing for St George, the glamour club of the late '60s and early '70s. The former Socceroo had to show great determination to make it at the highest level - and now shares his years of experience in this exclusive series.

HILE trialing with a club ch year is stressful at best d often frustrating, with a lit- forethought, preparation d an understanding of what selectors are looking for ur chances of success will rease dramatically.

you intend swapping clubs your homework before the d of the season and target lub who needs to strength- their goalkeeping position.

Is pointless for Instance ning from a lower division d competing against the rent State keeper who has t had an outstanding sea- n and who the club will viously resign.

on't be afraid to ask the d questions such as the b's policy as far as the nber of keepers they will n for each grade and if they signing two keepers.

so, will they will play alter- e games or if the number e will play the bulk of the nes?

there is a goalkeeper ach at the club or If you can end goalkeeper training at linic or academy?

aining this information ly often saves a lot of artache at a later date as ny players sign not know- what their position is as far park time.

emember park time is amount for a young devel- ng goalkeeper and sitting the bench at the top level is as beneficial as good park e in a lower division.

hile the glamour clubs who club championships and nd finals may seem the ious place to trial person- I would rather play with a aker club where I was in thick of the action and ler constant pressure.

es you will have goals red against you, but If your g term goal is to represent a high level then you have re chance of learning your de and impressing the ectors if you have more nts on goal against you, l your organisational and ribution skills should also rove.

repare for the trials by king sure you are physical- it and you have practiced d so you feel confident on day.

ake sure you turn up early l report to the coach in plenty of time for you to get changed and warm up prior to the trial.

The number of players I see attending trials and arriving late and then being nervous due to their late arrival never fails to amaze me, then often the only thing that the coach remembers is the late arrival and having to juggle the trial around to accommodate the player concerned.

When reporting to a coach make sure that your details are recorded correctly, coaches are usually under pressure at trials and often make mistakes sometimes leading to a player missing out as they cannot be contacted.

Make sure you wear a strip that stands out with a number displayed on the back.

Easy identification at the time and memory recall for the coach after the trial is important.

If you make a mistake in the trial don't drop your head, as well as displaying your skill you must also show that you are mentally tough enough to overcome a set back and play well.

Some good players actually undermine the coaches confidence in them by continually calling attention to themselves when they make a mistake and miss out on selection by their actions.

Coaches want confident keepers who display authority by good body language and lhe ability to overcome a mistake and get on with the game.

Listen carefully to what the coach is saying, as they will be looking for players who are receptive to training, listen to and carry out instructions and are not disruptive in the trials.

Be realistic about how you performed at the trials and the standard of the other goalkeepers attending.

If you are cut try to analyze what you did wrong and If you can correct the problem before the next trial or if it Is a long-term problem that needs coaching and constant practice to fix.

Don't be put off by being cut as there could be a club policy where they will stick to their present keeper and only change if an exceptional attends the trials and is obviously a better choice.

Some clubs have trial by invitation only and while this closed shop approach may seem unfair it at least eliminates the frustration of trialing with no chance of success.

Every trial you attend whether you are selected or not gives you more experience and a better chance of succeeding at the next and should make you more determined to train harder to meet your goals

If you wish to play at the top level you must learn to cope with disappointments as you strive to reach these goals.

There are no guarantees no free rides and even the most talented players have to cope with injuries, sickness or personal problems over which they have no control.

Leading sports stars In all codes share the problems of trialing whether it be for their club, representative or Olympic team and all at some time share the disappointment of rejection or injury and their disappointment is no different than a player who has been cut at junior level.

The difference is they have usually suffered previously and have developed the mental toughness to come back.

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AUSSIES ABROAD

CHRIS Coyne has transferred from Dundee (Scotland) to English Third Division side Luton Town for fifty thousand pounds.

ECU Joondalup youngsters Nicholas Ward, Brian Hedges and Tom Jones are in England for trials. Ward is with Stoke City, Hedges with Birmingham City and Tom Jones is heading to Bolton Wanderers.

Bad news for Watford's Australian international Richard Johnson who faces another season on the sidelines after needing another operation on his troublesome knee. Johnson has returned to Australia to have the surgery.
He missed most of last season after having a knee reconstruction.

Middiesbrough's last ditch attempt to have Mark Schwarzer's red card against Newcastle dismissed, failed after the referee refused to be swayed from his original decision despite howls of protests that he was wrong to issue a red card to the Australian.

Adrian Madaschi has been issued with shirt No.36 in his first season in Atalanta's senior squad.

Young Birmingham City goalkeeper Clint Davies has fractured his left arm in a training accident, and is expected to keep him out for about four weeks. Davies has reportedly knocked back an offer to play for Northern Ireland, in the hope he will one day represent Australia.

Garcia Signs For Perth

FORMER Canberra Cosmos player Michael Garcia has signed for Perth Glory after a spell in State League footbal with Sorrento.

The midfielder has described his last two years as: "trials with other clubs, injuries and bad decision making".

"I was reasonably confident I could impress," said Garcia. "Now I want to make the starting line-up and play in every game possible."

Garcia spent two years with NSL side Canberra Cosmos where he made 27 appearances but rarely produced his best form.

He then returend to WA where e played with Glory, making another 30 NSL appearances.

New-look Eagles set to make a Premier mark

By Adam Leto

PARRAMATTA Eagles have picked up some big signings over the off-season and look set to continue the high standards they have set over past seasons.

One of the signings of the season would have to be Glen Sprod from Newcastle United.

Last season he captained United in the National League and has nearly 200 games of NSL experience under his belt.

He will prove a valuable acquisition for the Eagles and add plenty of steel to their midfield as well as being able to cover in defence as well.

Assistant coach at the Eagles, John Colleja profiles some of their new signings for this season.

Glen Sprod: "He's a big signing and he adds plenty of experience and can play anywhere in midfield.

"He can also play at the back and so far has done a great job leading the boys around the park through midfield."

Jimmy Bakas: "Only 22-years-old although he seems like he's been around for a lot longer.

"I first coached Jimmy when he was playing at Eastern Suburbs.

"He trialled overseas in Greece, but he rolled his ankle while training and that hurt his chances of getting picked up.

"He's a striker or attacking midfielder who has good technique and good close ball skills.

NEW PARRAMATTA SIGNING GLEN SPROD

"He's very good at taking players on and we're trying to improve on his finishing."

Mirko Jurilj: "I'm only just starting to get to know Mirko but he's a great trainer and very dedicated.

"He is a central midfielder but he'll be playing as a sweeper for us.

"He's another with a lot of ex rience and is a good leader.

"He has a lot of flair and often give the coaching staff he attacks with some of the things tries.

"He'll take a risk but he is v good at getting himself out of tr ble."

Daniel Kukucka: "He ca across from Parramatta Po last season and had a few v good games for us.

"He's very good at holding ball up front for us and get midfielders to run off him.

"He's been a bit injury prone we've been working with him h in the gym and making him a stronger."

Paul O'Grady: "He played he couple of years ago before he ing to Wollongong.

"He's looking at getting sc games under his belt and hope ly getting back in the NSL.

"He's very good in the air surprisingly on the ground as v

"He has experience and form good combination with M Revelly at the back."

Anthony Mondello: "He's new kid on the block and he a regular scorer in the Nati Youth League competition Marconi. He's a hungry type player and he has been trai the house down.

"We'll be looking for him to f some type of partnership Kukucka or Bakas up front."

No ground share at Bob Jane

SOUTH Melbourne president George Vasilopoulos has told the Melbourne Knights they should forget about co-tenancy at Bob Jane Stadium.

Soccer Australia want to see the Knights move from their home ground in Sunshine, but Vasilopoulos believes it will be the beginning of the end for the club if they do.

He told the Herald-Sun: "We're looking for ground-sharing and agreed to it with Carlton, but if you try to push the Knights to do it, you might as well get them to play in the Victorian Premier League from today.

"I don't want to wish it on any club, but the moment they leave Sunshine, they're signing their death warrant.

"We certainly can't offer them the catering rights.

"We can only offer them a ground where they would have to pay rent, just like Carlton did.

"I'm only being realistic.

"You can't survive on those ditions."

Vasilopoulos also believe push to stage league game Colonial Stadium would en tears.

"It costs $80,000 just to oper gates at Colonial," he said.

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First leg matches to be played on October 18, second legs on November 1st

BYRNES JOINS VICENZA

PARRAMATTA Power defender Mark Byrnes was last week released on loan to Italian Club, Vicenza.

The Power and Vicenza agreed the loan period would be effective immediately and would end on 30 June 2002.

Vicenza has until 31 January 2002 to decide whether it wants to retain the 19-year-old.

``We're disappointed to see Mark leave the Club so close to the start of the season, however we wish him all the best in Italy and throughout his career," said Power General Manager, Angela Travis.

Byrnes led the 1999 Australian Under 17 World Cup team to the finals against Brazil.

Byrnes was one of the highest paid players at Power and while the club has not received a loan fee it has freed up its budget enough to sigr another two players.

"Mark was on big money," said a club insider.

"In the end it wasn't such a grea deal for us so we'll actually be bet off financially without him and will able to strengthen our squad."

Byrnes was also out of contract the end of the season, hastening Power's decision to let him go on and now can expect a small fee should Vicenza sign him on a per nent basis.

Meanwhile the west Sydney clut expects to land its Brazilian strike sometime this week although it is doubtful whether he will figure in plans to play Northern Spirit in the season opener on Saturday.

BDSFA providing equal opportunity career path

BDSFA former junior Brad Maloney

By Adam Leto

their own admission cktown Soccer Football sociation isn't the gest association in dney.

fact compared to most er associations it would bably rate as one of the allest.

ut what Blacktown lack playing numbers they re than make up for in amount of talent they ntinue to produce.

he Association began in 79, when Blacktown was cially pronounced as a

oday they have over 00 registered players, some of whom will continue on in the game and go on to bigger things while others will continue on the pathway set at Blacktown.

"We've grown a lot over the years and will continue to grow," says president Jack Taylor.

"The thing that we do best is develop young players.

"When it comes to representative sides I don't think that we've not once been in the finals."

Some of the players that have emerged from the Blacktown Association include Brad Maloney, Mark Schwarzer and Craig Moore who played with the Doonside Hawks.

Kelly Gobilowski is another who has gone on to represent her country that first started playing with and against junior players of the opposite sex.

"We're the only association that doesn't discriminate against female players," Taylor says.

"We feel that if you're good enough to play then you should play no matter what sex you are."

Taylor is aware of the role the association plays and is unafraid to admit it.

"We understand that our role is to help develop young players and get them to move on to bigger clubs," he says.

"That means that we lose a lot of players, but that is our role and we will continue to do that.

"We are one of the smallest associations compared to others who have 13 or 14,000 players."

That makes Blacktown's success even more noteworthy, but Taylor is not stopping to smell the roses.

"This year we had a senior side and that's a side we're planning to keep no matter what," he says.

"We want to provide a career path for the junior players that want to stay here and that side provides that."

Slow and steady for White-Eagles

By Adam Leto

IE Bonnyrigg White-Eagles have d a disjointed preparation for this ason's Premier League.

Quite a number of players have mpeted in both winter and sum- er competitions and getting the uad finalised has taken some ne.

It hasn't been the best prepara- n and I think that has been cause we had too many players loan," explains team conditioner ck Bilbija.

We had Robbie Gomez and Chris adley play in the Super League and Final and we've only had vier Mancino and Johnny Ghisso ck for two weeks.

On top of that we've had about 20 alists competing for three posi- ns, but all that is sorted out now d we're looking at getting into it."

A key member of the White Eagles is midfielder Devrim Huseyin who for the past three seasons has competed in both winter and summer competitions.

"It can get a bit tough, but I'm young and do it for the love of it," he says.

"The club was generous enough to give all the guys who played in the winter competition two weeks off and it was definitely appreciated.

"But I'm in the best shape of my life and looking forward to getting the season started.

"Just because we won it last year doesn't mean we're going to back off this season.

"We're here to win it, just like everyone else."

Meanwhile Bilbija is putting the side through its paces in pre-season training.

But he admits that he has been going easy on them so far.

"I'm the opposite to most trainers in that I don't like to get them to full fitness by the time the season starts," he concedes.

"I'll get them to about 75 percent and increase it as we go along.

"By the start of the second round of competition I'll have them working harder and nearing 100 percent.

"The guys are good enough to pick up the points along the way, they don't need to be at 100 percent."

The Bonnyrigg side has been strengthened this season with a number of big signings.

John Kyriazopoulos, Shane Knight and Peter Cklamovski are all healthy additions to an already strong squad.

"Peter is getting better every day and Shane is doing well and has a very good attitude," Bilbija says.

"Kyriazopoulos has been a standout for me and I think he will be the buy of the year."

Patikas looking for his luck to change

by Bruce Campbell

THIS time of the season players, coaches and fans e all looking forward with expectation to the new mmer competitions.

Even the winter league aficianados can reflect on eir own season, maybe even casting an eye to next ar already.

For a coach it doesn't make any difference whether e season is summer or winter based, because foot- ll in Australia is a twelve month commitment of atching games, going to training and spotting new lent.

Except in the household of Sydney's forgotten man, mmy Patikas.

Last season the former Socceroo had a much publi- sed break-up with Canterbury Marrickville.

Then he was on the verge of tying up with a NSL ub as assistant coach until they realised the kitty as bare.

A similar story was his encounter with St George.

Finally the one time player who delighted crowds in ustralia and Greece with his silky skills looked to ave put his horror run behind him with an appoint- ent at Dulwich Hill.

That was until last week when the club changed its management team.

"I thought it was starting to come good," the star told *SuperSoccer.*

"I've just had so much bad luck, but I really thought it was over.

"I said that to their president and he assured me that the job was mine.

"He said that he had run the club for five years and his own position was as safe as houses.

"When they changed their committee last week that was that and now I am looking for a club who wants a coach with ideas.

"I'm desperate to get back into the game but I'm not going to do it for nothing.

"In the last year I've had two clubs who want me to pay to coach and two others who have changed their presidents.

"I'm just hoping that next year will be a bit more lucky for me."

Patikas has had a star-studded career in football with clubs like Sydney Olympic, Sydney United and AEK in Greece.

Now he's hoping to get another chance to put that experience to good use on the field.

Bulls rest up for season to come

By Adam Leto

THE Fairfield Bulls have approached the up-coming Premier League season in a relaxed manner.

Coming off a grueling Super League competition the Bulls are easing their way back into things.

Captain Craig Sharpley has taken over as player/coach and his first decision was to give his players another week off.

"Guys have got to want to come to training and want to train," he says.

"They've had a long season and giving them another week off has enabled them to become more refreshed and enthusiastic about training.

"The thinking is that towards the end of the season that they won't feel the effects of playing in two competitions as much."

But Sharpley is quick to dismiss that he won't be going easy on his players once training gets started.

"We'll be training four or five nights a week," Sharpley admits.

"Taking over as coach wasn't something I was really prepared for but as soon as I found out I've been doing as much as I can to get the side ready.

"I'm definitely looking forward to the challenge and can't wait for the season to get started."

With the squad selection process still taking place Sharpley is still unsure of the final make-up of the squad.

He is confident though of fielding a side that can match it with any in the league.

"We've got the nucleus of a very good side," confirms Sharpley.

"We've also got Tom Maric and Ray Younis plus there are a few other players from Sydney United and Northern Spirit that are trialing with the squad at the moment.

"This competition is going to be tougher than the winter competition.

"Instead of competing against four or five good teams you're coming up against seven or eight good teams.

"We'll be pushing for a finals spot.

"We wouldn't be in the competition if we didn't want to be there when it counts."

Sharpley is less confident about how much time he will spending on the field this season.

"We'll see how much I play this season, at the moment though it's still up in the air," admits Sharpley.

"There are a few grey areas at the moment and it just depends on what players we have and what position they're playing.

"But I'd love to just sit back and watch the team playing well."

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Wollongong Wolves Vs Marconi Stallions 7.30pm WIN
Adelaide City Force BYE
Newcastle United Vs Melbourne Knights 7.30pm Marathon
Brisbane Strikers Vs Kingz FC 7.00pm Ballymore
SATURDAY 6th October
Olympic Sharks Vs Sydney United 7.30pm Toyota Park
Parramatta Power Vs Northern Spirit 7.30pm Parra
SUNDAY 7th October
South Melbourne Vs Perth Glory 6.00pm Bob Jane

ROUND 2
FRIDAY 12th October
Northern Spirit Vs Newcastle United 7.30pm N Sydney
Kingz FC Vs South Melbourne 7.30pm Ericsson
SATURDAY 13th October
Parramatta Power Vs Wollongong Wolves 7.30pm Parra
Perth Glory Vs Marconi Stallions 7.00pm Perth Oval
Melbourne Knights Vs Adelaide City Force 7.30pm#
SUNDAY 14th October
Olympic Sharks BYE
Sydney United Vs Brisbane Strikers 4.00pm Syd United

ROUND 3
FRIDAY 19th October
Wollongong Wolves Vs Perth Glory 7.30pm WIN
Adelaide City Force Vs Northern Spirit 8.00pm Hindmarsh
Newcastle United Vs Parramatta Power 7.30pm Marathon
SATURDAY 20th October
Marconi Stallions Vs Kingz FC 7.00pm Marconi
Brisbane Strikers BYE
Olympic Sharks Vs Melbourne Knights 7.30pm Toyota Park
SUNDAY 21st October
South Melbourne Vs Sydney United 6.00pm Bob Jane

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Newcastle United Vs Wollongong Wolves 7.30pm Marathon
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Kingz FC Vs Perth Glory 7.30pm Nth Harbour
SATURDAY 27th October
Parramatta Power Vs Adelaide City Force 7.30pm Parra
Melbourne Knights Vs Brisbane Strikers 7.30pm#
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South Melbourne BYE
Sydney United Vs Marconi Stallions 4.00pm Syd United

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Wollongong Wolves Vs Kingz FC 7.30pm WIN Stad
Adelaide City Force Vs Newcastle United 8.00pm Hindmarsh
SATURDAY 3rd November
Perth Glory Vs Sydney United 7.00pm Perth Oval
Marconi Stallions BYE
Brisbane Strikers Vs Northern Spirit 7.00pm Ballymore
Olympic Sharks Vs Parramatta Power 7.30pm Toyota Park
SUNDAY 4th November
South Melbourne Vs Melbourne Knights 6.00pm Bob Jane

ROUND 6
FRIDAY 9th November
Adelaide City Force Vs Wollongong Wolves 8.00pm Hindmarsh
Newcastle United Vs Olympic Sharks 7.30pm Marathon
Northern Spirit Vs South Melbourne 7.30pm Nth Sydney
Parramatta Power Vs Brisbane Strikers 7.30pm Parra
Melbourne Knights Vs Marconi Stallions 7.30pm#
Sydney United Vs Kingz FC 7.30pm Syd United
Perth Glory BYE

ROUND 7
WEDNESDAY 14th November
Olympic Sharks Vs Adelaide City Force 7.30pm Toyota Park
FRIDAY 16th November
Kingz FC BYE
SATURDAY 17th November
Wollongong Wolves Vs Sydney United 6.30pm WIN Stad
Perth Glory Vs Melbourne Knights 7.00pm Perth Oval
Marconi Stallions Vs Northern Spirit 7.00pm Marconi
Brisbane Strikers Vs Newcastle United 7.00pm Ballymore
SUNDAY 18th November
South Melbourne Vs Parramatta Power 6.00pm Bob Jane

ROUND 8
WEDNESDAY 21st November
Adelaide City Force Vs Brisbane Strikers 8.00pm Hindmarsh
Northern Spirit Vs Perth Glory 7.00pm N Sydney
Olympic Sharks Vs Wollongong Wolves 7.30pm Toyota Park
Parramatta Power Vs Marconi Stallions 7.30pm Parra Stad
Sydney United BYE
Melbourne Knights Vs Kingz FC 7.30pm#
South Melbourne Vs Newcastle United 7.30pm Bob Jane

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Osman confident of Aussie showing at Tiger 5s

By Adam Leto

THE Australian indoor side chosen to represent our country at the Singapore 5s are going out there to earn the respect of rival countries, where the game is held in much higher stead.

The tournament being held in December will host some of the finest players in the world.

Competing countries such as defending World Cup champions Spain, Brazil and Russia to name but a few are places where the indoor game is played professionally.

Coach of the Australian side is Erkin Osman, himself a former Australian international player who has played in five indoor World Cups.

Leading the Aussie charge is a mammoth task but Osman is confident he has the players that are up to the challenge.

"We've got about eight weeks to get things ready, but so far things are coming along really well," he says.

"We've got players such as Leo Carle, Johnny Ghisso, Zlatko Josevski, Adam Confoy and Brett Hewit in the side that have just finished playing in the Super League competition.

"Nick Carle was the only player that we were unable to secure, due to other commitments."

With these players alone, the squad has some great skill at their disposal.

Leo Carle (pictured) having just won the Player of the Year award in the Super League competition and Ghisso are just two players that can amaze and leave defenders in wonderment with the ball at their feet.

"Indoor is very different to outdoor in that there isn't as much space," explains Osman.

"Players need to have those close ball skills and be able to do different things with the ball.

"The sport is very big overseas in America and in Europe and South America and it should be just as successful in our country too.

"Unfortunately in the past the right people haven't been running the sport the way it should be and that's why it hasn't taken off."

No doubt the Australian side will have their work cut out for them, but Osman is being realistic about what to expect in Singapore.

"My main is to get past the qualifying stages and through to the next rounds," Osman states.

"Each win we get after that is a bonus and once you make it through to the quarter finals anything can happen. It's a very prestigious tournament and it's up there with the World Cup. We got invited because we won the Pacific Championships and it's very important that we do well."

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Footballer's Ankle

by Andrew Harper
Physiotherapist, Valentine Park Sports Medicine Centre

IE sudden and sometimes violent ces borne through the ankle joint ring a game of soccer can have affect on the ankle over a play- s career.

lepeated forcing of the ankle joint o a "toe point" position in activi- s such as shooting and 50/50 ckling leads to an over-stretching the structures at the front of the kle and the subsequent inflam- ation can lead to calcification of s area.

ikewise the repetitive flexing of the ankle in activities such as running and landing from a jump can lead to inflammation and pain in the front of the ankle due to compression of the bones and pinching of the soft tissue in between them.

Collectively, over time, this chronic inflammation can lead to the formation of bony spurs at the front of the ankle that cause pain whenever the ankle is compressed.

This condition can be diagnosed through the history of the patient but will usually require an x-ray to show the build up of spurs on the front of the ankle bones.

Treatment of such a condition involves physiotherapy to mobilise the ankle joint and surrounding soft tissues as well as stretching, taping and regular ice.

If the spurs are too big, they may require surgical excision and a physiotherapy rehab programme after surgery.

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SHIN SORENESS

by Andrew Harper
Physiotherapist, Valentine Park Sports Medicine Centre

; THE summer season approaches, players are ner in heavy training for the summer comp or think- about doing some running to keep fit for next win- . Either way an emphasis on running can lead to shin reness whether it be on the road or on the grass.

ifferentiating the exact nature of the injury is some- es difficult although it may be necessary in order to at the condition effectively.

here are three common causes for shin soreness, all which are often known as "shin splints".

enoperiostitis: Inflammation of the membranes cov- ng the bone and the muscular fascia that attaches ng the medial edge of the shin bone. Usually diag- sed by its symptoms.

tress Fracture: The cumulative effect of small, repet- e strains to the bone that result in defects in the ne known as microfractures. Usually diagnosed by a ne scan.

Chronic Compartment Syndrome: As blood flows into the compartments of the leg during exercise, the thick fascia surrounding the compartment fails to stretch sufficiently such that nerve and blood vessels are compressed, causing pain and sometimes numbness. Pressure needle testing may be necessary for diagnosis.

If you do develop shin pain get it diagnosed and treated properly however avoiding injury is always the best solution.

The two keys to avoiding shin pain are to correct poor biomechanics (especially pronating feet), and to ensure any planned increases in training loads are introduced gradually.

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The school is enrolling now for Term 4 which starts mid October. For more information on treatments, courses or corporate massage, contact the N.S.W. School of Therapeutic Massage at Level 5, 303 Pitt St (at Town Hall), telephone 9283 2588, or check out the website www.schoolofmassage.com.au.

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Kewell assist takes Leeds to the top following Ipswich win

LEEDS went to the top of the English Premiership table with a 2-1 win away to Ipswich on Sunday, a result that leaves them three points ahead of Manchester United and Arsenal.

David O'Leary's side were trailing to Marcus Stewart's first-half strike before Robbie Keane equalised in the second-half with a goal created by Australian international Harry Kewell.

Leeds wrapped up the points with a Mark Venus own goal, the second successive occasion in this fixture that he had put through his own net.

"It was a tough game," Republic of Ireland international Keane told Sky Sports.

"Ipswich were the better side.

"But it was a great comeback and Harry Kewell's pass was tremendous.

"It's nice to be at the top of the table but let's see if we can be there at the end of the season."

Ipswich have now gone five games without a Premiership win but a defiant Venus said: "If we keep playing like we did today we'll get something."

Both teams came into this match on the back of midweek victories in the UEFA Cup and it was Ipswich who struck first.

Venus' curling cross was difficult to defend and Stewart's 22nd minute glancing header gave Leeds England goalkeeper Nigel Martyn no chance.

But Ipswich could not get the second goal they needed to make sure of victory and it was no suprise when Leeds eventually levelled.

In the 70th minute Kewell's superb delivery found Keane who at last broke the Ipswich offside trap and he finished expertly. Kewell also played a key part in Leeds second.

Chris Makin's poor defensive header landed in Kewell's path and his centre across the six-yard box was turned into his own net by Venus, who panicked as Leeds forward Mark Viduka was lurking right behind him.In other matches.

Liverpool striker Robbie Fowler took advantage of a rare start as his club enjoyed a 2-0 victory away to Newcastle.

Although the 26-year-old forward failed to score he set up Danny Murphy for Liverpool's second four minutes from time.

Fowler has been severely criticised by Liverpool boss Gerard Houllier in recent weeks but he responded in style.

"It's nice to get a game - hopefully I'll go on from here," Fowler told Sky Sports.

"I'm the first to admit when I don't have a good game but I felt sharp today - I played my part in a good Liverpool win here."

Murphy added: "We've got a few of our best players missing so we've done very well with a changed side. It was a good game. Apart from their slip at West Ham, Newcastle have played well but the lads worked tremendously hard today - but we got the second goal to kill them off."

Liverpool took the lead through John Arne Riise's third-minute strike and then effectively shut out Newcastle before Murphy played a one-two with Fowler and slotted the ball under adavancing goalkeeper Shay Given.

Aston Villa bounced back from their UEFA Cup exit to Croatian side Varteks with a 2-0 win against Blackburn that maintained their unbeaten league record.

Second-half goals from Colombian forward Juan Pablo Angel and England Under-21 striker Darius Vassell took the Birmingham club into fourth place in the table.

Lee Hendrie was the creator for both goals although he later said he was "miles away" from agreeing a new contract with the club.

Earlier, at Craven Cottage, Premiership new boys Fulham drew 1-1 with Chelsea in the first West London derby between the two sides for 16 years.

The visitors took the lead through Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink's seventh goal of the season before Fulham striker Barry Hayles levelled the scores in the second half.

Chelsea played the last eight minutes of the match with 10 men after midfielder Slavisa Jokanovic was sent-off for a second bookable offence after throwing the ball away.

Frustrated Chelsea manager Claudio Ranieri had no complaints about the dismissal but admitted his side's lack of concentration was a handicap.

"The referee is always right," said the Italian.

"We don't have good conc tration at the moment during whole game and sometimes dies."

Fulham, managed by forr French international Je Tigana, now have sevn poi from seven games but vete midfielder John Collins saw reason for panic.

"That's disappointing but we not going to get too worried," s the former Scottish internatior

"It's not as if teams have rol us over and we've played v poorly, yet we do need to s winning our home games."

Thompson wraps up Celtic Old Firm tie

SCOTTISH Premier League champions and leaders Celtic beat Rangers 2-0 in the first Old Firm derby of the season at Ibrox on Sunday, establishing a seven point lead at the top of the table over their arch Glasgow rivals.

Martin O'Neill's side took the lead through a 14th minute goal from Stilian Petrov that owed much to a dreadful error from Rangers German goalkeeper Stefan Klos.

Then; after Rangers had been reduced to 10 men following the sending-off of Lorenzo Amoruso, Celtic wrapped up the match in injury time through a calm finish from Alan Thompson (pictured).

Klos did his best to atone with a second-half penalty save from Henrik Larsson and his performance received praise from an unexpected source, the Sweden forward's Celtic strike partner Chris Sutton.

"I thought Stefan Klos kept them in the game," Sutton said.

"We knew it'd be tough going but it's a big victory for us that gives us a bit of a cushion.

"The points were all that mattered to us."

But Sutton played down the prospect of an international recall after another fine performance leading the line.

"All I'm interested is doing the best for Celtic," he said.

"If anything else happens it's a bonus - it's just good to be part of a good side at the moment."

Celtic, 1-0 up at half-time, should have gone further ahead when Larsson was brought down in the box in the 63rd minute by Amoruso.

The Rangers player had to go and then tempers flared with a minor brawl that resulted in a flurry of yellow cards.

Eventually Larsson took the penalty but his straight shot was weakly struck and Klos saved with his legs.

The keeper then tipped over a Thompson free-kick and he was called on again to deny Lambert.

But with Rangers pushing forward search of an equaliser, there were alw bound to be gaps at the back. In e time, Thompson surged forward and predominately left-footed player cal steered the ball past Klos into the cor with his right.

It was the first time Celtic had achie back-to-back wins at Ibrox since 1983 this result is bound to increase the pr sure on Rangers' Dutch boss D Advocaat.

In the day's other Premier Leag matches, new boys Livingston b Hibernian 1-0 and leapfrogged their op nents into third place in the table, just points behind Rangers, while Kilmarn (fifth) beat second-from-bott Dunfermline 2-0.

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GEORGE CHURCHWARD MEDALLIST 2001: Larry Grant

THE George Churchward Medal is presented annually to a person whose contribution to Amateur football in New South Wales merits the highest possible acknowledgment.

At the recently held NSWASF State Dinner, Chairman, Mr Jim Forrest proudly announced this year's winner, Mr Larry Grant.

Larry's soccer career began as a player in 1957 with clubs such as East Villawood, NSW Police Department, Twin Willows, Green Valley United and Ashcroft Soccer Club.

Elected to the committee of Liverpool Albion Soccer Club and holding the position of secretary for 10 years, he continued to push the barrow for junior players and the number of team numbers was raised from 12 to 38 teams, an incredible feat in itself.

After this decade of commitment and receiving a Life Membership in 1990 he progressed to the Southern Districts management committee as Senior Vice President and in 1992 he was elected to the position of President, a position he still holds today.

Awarded Life Membership of Southern Districts in 1995 Larry Grant is an active and integral part of all decisions regarding policy and management and is respected by the players and officials and all who are associated with him.

His outstanding efforts have been recognised by many including Sydney Branch who awarded him a Life Membership in the 1999 season.

For his generosity, passion, hard work and his selfless dedication to the sport of soccer and all it stands for, the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation congratulates Mr Larry Grant - George Churchward Medallist for the year 2001.

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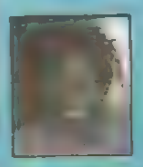
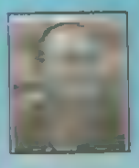

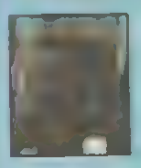

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Doug Symes Wollongong director NSWSF director	Perth 3-1	Wolves 2-1	2-2 draw	1-1 draw	1-1 draw	Power 3-1
Francis Awaritefe Former Socceroo SBS commentator	Wolves 2-0	Newcastle 2-1	Brisbane 1-0	Sharks 3-1	0-0 draw	Perth 3-1
Dave Mason Media Manager Northern Spirit	Wolves 2-0	1-1 draw	Kingz 2-1	2-2 draw	1-0 Spirit	2-1 Perth
Brian Brown Coach Blacktown City	Wolves 2-0	1-1 draw	2-1 Kingz	1-0 Sharks	1-1 draw	Perth 2-0
Gerry Gomez Coaching director NSL great	Wolves 2-1	1-1 draw	Kingz 2-1	Sharks 3-1	1-1 draw	Perth 2-1
Taghred Chandab Media manager Parramatta Power	Wolves 1-0	Newcastle 2-0	Kingz 2-1	Sharks 2-1	Power 2-0	Glory 3-1
Jimmy Fraser Coaching director Former Socceroo	Wolves 2-0	0-0 draw	1-0 Kingz	Sharks 2-0	Spirit 2-1	2-0 Perth
Adam Leto Journalist Super Soccer	0-0 draw	Newcastle 1-0	Kingz 2-1	United 2-0	Spirit 1-0	Perth 2-1
Bruce Campbell Editor Super Soccer	Wolves 2-1	0-0 draw	1-1 draw	United 2-1	2-2 draw	Perth 1-0

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ADELAIDE CITY

#	NAME	POSITION	D.O.B.
1	Adrian Cagalj	Goalkeeper	16/02/76
2	Petar Cestic	Defender	01/02/74
3	Iain Fyfe	Defender	30/04/82
4	Ante Kovacevic	Defender	13/06/74
5	Grzegorsz Lewandowski	Defender	01/09/69
6	Louis Brain	Midfield	09/05/82
7	Lucas Pantelis	Midfield	12/03/82
8	Carl Veart	Midfield	21/05/70
9	Nikola Sabljak	Midfield	09/01/80
10	Alex Moriera	Striker	02/08/74
11	Matthew Kemp	Midfield	08/08/80
12	Scott Tunbridge	Striker	26/06/82
13	Kristian Rees	Defender	06/01/80
14	Aaron Goulding	Defender	24/04/82
15	Jeff Campbell	Midfield	25/08/79
16	David Terminello	Midfield	30/08/80
17	Mario Karlovic	Midfield	29/05/84
18	Ivan Karlovic	Defender	20/12/81
20	Daniel Godley	Goalkeeper	18/03/76
21	Adriano Pellegrino	Midfield	09/06/84
23	Nick Budin	Midfield	18/03/82

BRISBANE STRIKERS

#	NAME	POSITION	D.O.B.
1	Jason Kearton	Goalkeeper	09/07/69
3	Shane Stefanutto	Defender	12/01/80
4	Jonathan McKain	Defender	21/09/82
5	Stuart McLaren	Defender	28/08/75
6	Peter Grierson	Midfield	02/02/70
7	Fernando Rech	Midfield	13/03/74
8	Adam Webber	Midfield	19/07/82
9	Paul Foster	Striker	28/12/67
10	Kris Trajanovski	Striker	19/02/72
11	John Carbone	Midfield	30/07/77
12	David Pilic	Midfield	08/09/78
13	Wayne Heath	Defender	28/04/83
14	Daniel Dreger	Midfield	02/01/82
15	Matthew McKay	Midfield	10/01/83
18	Lawrence Drake	Striker	18/12/81
20	Corey Baldock	Goalkeeper	11/06/75
30	Nathan Coe	Goalkeeper	01/06/84

FOOTBALL KINGZ

#	NAME	POSITION	D.O.B.
2	Jonathan Perry	Defender	22/11/76
3	Mark Atkinson	Midfield	16/02/70
4	Levent Osman	Defender	08/03/77
5	Vinko Buljubasic	Defender	09/07/73
6	George Goutzioulis	Midfield	18/01/78
7	Wynton Rufer	Striker	29/12/62
8	Gerard Davis	Defender	25/09/77
9	Paul Urlovic	Striker	21/11/78
10	Con Boutsianis	Midfield	27/12/71
11	Andrew Vlahos	Striker	20/04/76
12	Heremaia Ngata	Midfield	24/08/71
15	Mark Burton	Midfield	18/05/74
19	Hiroshi Miyazawa	Defender	22/11/70
21	Riki Van Steedan	Defender	24/12/76
25	Sean Douglas	Defender	08/05/72

MARCONI

#	NAME	POSITION	D.O.B.
1	Michael Turnbull	Goalkeeper	24/03/81
2	Michael Beauchamp	Defender	08/03/81
3	Mark Babic	Defender	24/04/73
4	Angelo Costanzo	Defender	09/05/76
5	Dominic Longo	Defender	23/08/70
6	Christian Care	Midfield	21/03/79
7	Brendan Renaud	Utility	21/08/73
8	Grant Last	Midfield	30/01/81
9	Kevo Gulessarian	Striker	21/09/81
10	John Maisano	Utility	06/01/79
11	Norman Tome	Striker	20/03/73
12	Steven Bozinovski	Defender	16/06/81
13	Shane Webb	Defender	14/09/80
14	Eric Anabalon	Striker	04/07/82
15	Royce Brownlie	Striker	28/01/80
16	Raphael Bove	Defender	05/03/77
17	James Afkos	Midfield	05/01/78
18	Saso Radulovic	Striker	31/07/78
20	Daniel Schwarzer	Goalkeeper	28/06/82
30	Bob Catlin	Goalkeeper	22/06/65

MELBOURNE KNIGHTS

#	NAME	POSITION	D.O.B.
1	Martin John	Goalkeeper	23/05/80
2	Joey Rajher	Defender	23/09/77
3	Rodrigo Vargas	Defender	20/10/78
4	Sash Ognenovski	Defender	03/04/79
5	Steve Horvat	Defender	14/03/71
6	Andrew Marth	Midfield	10/02/69
7	Daniel Vasilevski	Midfield	04/09/81
9	Joel Porter	Striker	25/12/78
10	Toto Da Costa	Striker	09/08/73
11	Xhezair Sulemani	Striker	10/03/81
12	Boris Ovcin	Midfield	23/05/82
13	Ivan Jolic	Defender	18/07/74
14	Daniel Piorkowski	Defender	12/01/84
16	Alex Kiratzoglou	Midfield	27/08/74
17	Daniel Rocco	Midfield	26/02/83
18	Andy Vargas	Midfield	03/07/77
19	Anthony Pelikan	Striker	08/02/82
20	Adam Hrehoresin	Goalkeeper	19/06/83
21	Zoltan Zold	Midfield	20/08/79
22	Antun Kovacic	Defender	10/07/81

NEWCASTLE UNITED

#	NAME	POSITION	D.O.B.
1	Daniel Beltrame	Goalkeeper	28/12/75
2	Michael Prentice	Defender	22/09/82
3	Andrew Roberts	Defender	28/03/70
4	Chris Zoricich	Defender	03/05/69
5	Todd McManus	Defender	07/11/74
6	Matthew Bingley	Midfield	16/08/71
7	Travis Dodd	Midfield	06/01/80
8	Mark Wilson	Midfield	04/07/74
9	Joel Griffiths	Striker	21/08/79
10	Daniel McBreen	Striker	23/04/77
11	Peter Tsekenis	Midfield	04/08/73
12	Scott Baillie	Defender	11/03/70
13	Milan Blagojevic	Midfield	24/12/69
14	Antony Surjan	Striker	08/01/69
15	Adam Hughes	Midfield	14/07/82
16	Joseph Schirnpa	Defender	09/10/82
17	Esala Masi	Striker	09/03/74
18	Mitchell Johnson	Striker	26/02/83
19	John Majurovski	Striker	14/04/83
20	Brad Swancott	Goalkeeper	23/07/79
21	Joel Grennell	Defender	13/04/83
22	Robbie Middleby	Midfield	09/08/75

NORTHERN SPIRIT

#	NAME	POSITION	D.O.B.
1	Lupce Acevski	Goalkeeper	14/11/77
2	Julian Watts	Defender	17/03/71
3	Simon Bell	Defender	21/10/78
4	Noel Spencer	Midfield	26/07/77
5	Robert Trajkovski	Midfield	24/07/72
6	Scott Thomas	Midfield	19/08/74

Wolves championship winning coach Ron Corry

7	Andy McDermott	Midfield	24/03/77
8	Craig Foster	Midfield	15/04/69
9	Adrian Cervinski	Striker	17/11/73
10	Pablo Cardozo	Striker	23/12/72
11	Troy Cranney	Midfield	09/02/72
12	John Hutchinson	Midfield	29/12/79
14	Michael Cartwright	Defender	03/08/79
15	Tony Perinich	Striker	30/07/72
17	Gabriel Mendez	Midfield	12/03/73
18	Robbie Enes	Midfield	22/08/75
19	Ryan Griffiths	Striker	21/08/81
20	Paul Henderson	Goalkeeper	22/04/76
21	Adam Griffiths	Midfield	21/08/79
22	Jacek Sobczyk	Defender	02/09/79
23	Steven Baveas	Midfield	07/04/84
27	Brent Fisher	Striker	06/07/83
28	Matthew Hunter	Defender	29/04/84
29	Alex Wilkinson	Defender	13/08/84
30	Jacob Rex	Goalkeeper	04/10/84

OLYMPIC SHARKS

#	NAME	POSITION	D.O.B.
1	Clint Bolton	Goalkeeper	22/08/75
2	Sebastian Sinozic	Defender	14/09/78
4	Paul Kohler	Defender	05/08/79
5	Glenn Moo[illegible]	Defender	24/02/77
6	Wayne Srhoj	Midfield	23/03/82
7	Lindsay Wilson	Defender	04/05/79
8	Tom Pondeljak	Midfield	08/01/76
9	Dylan MacAllister	Utility	17/05/82
10	Troy Halpin	Midfield	17/08/73
11	Jade North	Midfield	07/01/82
14	Greg Owens	Midfield	27/01/81

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16 Jeromy Harris	Striker	07/08/75
19 Nick Carle	Utility	23/11/81
20 John Karoubas	Goalkeeper	16/07/79
22 Peter Zorbas	Midfield	14/05/79
23 Andrew Packer	Midfield	16/06/80
26 Anthony Doumanis	Midfield	01/02/82

PARRAMATTA POWER

#	NAME	POSITION	D.O.B.
1	Leslie Pogliacomi	Goalkeeper	03/05/76
2	David Barrett	Defender	21/02/69
3	Matthew Langdon	Defender	02/05/80
4	Nick Orlic	Defender	06/08/70
5	Alex Tobin	Defender	03/11/65
7	Wayne O'Sullivan	Midfield	25/02/74
8	Matthew Thompson	Midfield	18/08/82
10	Lubomir Lapsansky	Midfield	09/05/72
11	Damien Brown	Defender	12/01/75
15	Bradley Groves	Midfield	29/01/82
16	Brett Holman	Striker	27/03/84
17	Steven Fitzsimmons	Midfield	07/09/76
19	Gianpaolo Buonavoglia	Striker	19/10/75
20	Liam Reddy	Goalkeeper	08/08/81
21	Ahmad Elrich	Midfield	30/05/81
24	Steve Eagleton	Midfield	26/10/76
26	Luke Roodenburg	Striker	02/07/81
28	Peter Bennett	Midfield	27/10/69
29	Mark Byrnes	Defender	08/02/82
30	Andrew Carman	Goalkeeper	11/02/83

PERTH GLORY

#	NAME	POSITION	D.O.B.
1	Jason Petkovic	Goalkeeper	07/12/72
2	Matt Horsley	Midfield	09/06/72
3	Jamie Harnwell	Defender	21/07/77
4	Ljubo Milicevic	Defender	13/02/81
5	Craig Deans	Defender	07/05/74
6	Gareth Naven	Midfield	03/03/69
7	Scott Miller	Defender	18/05/72
8	Brad Maloney	Midfield	19/01/72
9	Alistair Edwards	Striker	21/06/68
10	Bobby Despotovski	Striker	14/07/71
11	Michael Garcia	Midfield	20/03/77
13	Anthony Danze	Midfield	15/03/84
14	Dion Valle	Defender	22/07/77
15	Edgar Aldrighi	Midfield	30/03/74
16	Damian Mori	Striker	30/09/70
17	Gary Fana	Midfield	09/04/79
18	Shane Pryce	Defender	18/08/73
20	Anthony Franken	Goalkeeper	11/01/65
21	Paul Roberts	Midfield	19/12/73
22	Antonio Naglieri	Midfield	20/01/83
23	David Tarka		
25	Todd Harnwell	Defender	11/03/80
26	Nick Mrdja	Striker	30/11/78

SOTH MELBOURNE

#	NAME	POSITION	D.O.B.
2	Steve Iosifidis	Defender	28/12/73
3	Fausto De Amicis	Defender	26/06/68
4	Mehmet Durakovic	Defender	13/10/65
5	Robert Liparoti	Defender	02/04/78
6	David Clarkson	Midfield	01/02/68
7	Steve Panopoulos	Midfield	23/06/75
8	Vaughan Coveny	Striker	13/12/71
9	Paul Trimboli	Striker	25/02/69
10	Peter Buljan	Striker	14/07/78
11	Joe Bacak	Midfield	23/05/73
18	Clayton Bell	Midfield	21/09/78
19	Patrick Kisnorbo	Defender	24/03/81

Melbourne Knights talented ballplayer Toto da Costa

SYDNEY UNITED

#	NAME	POSITION	D.O.B.
1	Brett Hughes	Goalkeeper	19/04/69
2	Michael Santalab	Defender	25/08/79
3	Vince Savoca	Utility	27/05/72
4	Elvis Olic	Sweeper	22/03/81
5	Nahuel Arrarte	Midfield	26/11/80
6	Michael Cunico	Sweeper	17/03/79
7	Kresimir Marusic	Midfield	23/11/69
8	Ante Monc	Midfield	19/04/74
9	Zlatko Arambasic	Striker	20/09/69
10	Ante Milicic	Striker	04/04/74
11	Zeljko Kopic	Midfield	10/09/77
12	Brendan Santalab	Striker	09/09/82
13	Ante Deur	Midfield	04/02/80
14	Goran Talevski	Striker	20/05/82
15	Aytek Genc	Midfield	03/02/66
16	Commins Menapi	Striker	18/09/77
17	Paul Bilokapic	Defender	08/08/76
18	Daniel Watkins	Striker	08/07/80
19	Terry Palapanis	Defender	15/10/70
20	Jon Angelucci	Striker	12/09/75
21	Mile Jedinak	Midfield	03/08/84
22	Milan Bosnar	Defender	29/09/83
23	Michael Cindric	Defender	20/11/82
27	John Perosh	Goalkeeper	29/11/73
37	Aljosa Asanovic	Midfield	14/12/65

WOLLONGONG WOLVES

#	NAME	POSITION	D.O.B.
1	Dean Anastasiadis	Goalkeeper	06/06/70
2	George Souris	Defender	12/11/69
3	Alvin Ceccoli	Utility	05/08/74
4	Robert Stanton	Defender	15/04/72
5	David Cervinski	Defender	08/11/70
6	Alex Castro	Midfield	09/02/74
7	Paul Reid	Midfield	06/07/79
8	Max Nicholson	Midfield	03/10/71
9	Zeljko Babic	Striker	03/04/76
10	Stuart Young	Striker	16/12/72
11	Naum Sekulovski	Midfield	14/05/82
12	Liam Austin	Striker	03/05/81
13	George Nohra	Midfield	29/04/82
14	Buddy Farah	Defender	18/08/78
15	David Huxley	Midfield	16/10/76
16	Beren Sullivan	Midfield	26/05/81
17	Ben Blake	Defender	26/01/76
19	Steven Dimitrievski	Midfield	12/09/81
20	Grant Barlow	Goalkeeper	28/03/80

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'tuart Jones previews the new NSL season.
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Pablo Cardozo

ELCOME back to the new NSL season.
nfortunately the off season has not been good for soccer in Australia.
irst Brisbane and Canberra were kicked out and then reinstated, then Canberra were ked out again.
occer Australia has a new leader and the publicity surrounding the changes politicalwere not all positive.
owever, we now get back to the football and we have a lot to look forward to.
irstly there are 26 rounds (thank goodness we did not go to playing each side three es - it would have nearly been as long as the English Premier League) and with only teen teams the quality on the pitch should be better from this time last season when squads lined up at the starter's pistol.
fter ten years of covering the NSL this reporter took last season off and now my baties are recharged.
am a supporter rather than a professional journalist and because of that always try d keep the perspective of the fan when covering matches.
did not play football at the highest level but I always remember that neither did most our readers.
n the end we are all fans who love this game and that is why we follow it.
have been a strong state league fan longer than I have been going to NSL games cause I find the real supporter out at Rockdale vs Dulwich Hill but I would love to see ore of these fans turn up to the NSL games as well.
know that it is not always publicised in the best light but the NSL should have some eat games this year.
ere is what we have to look forward to for some clubs, and the difficulties faced by ners.

ELAIDE CITY
ey don't have a lot of oney and with Aurelio dmar leaving the ranks ngs could be tough for e South Australian side.
lowever no-one can ever ite off a Zoran Matic am.

RISBANE STRIKERS
hn Kosmina has certainbeen aided by the pick of Kris Trajanovski from arconi and his work with aul Foster will certainly be portant for the Strikers.
f injuries are avoided en the Strikers could be a fight for the last play off ace come seasons end.
Certainly the shorter seaon and byes will aid teams e this who don't have a of depth in their squad.

OOTBALL KINGZ
ike Peterson has made is side look a bit of a ctorian all-star outfit but e signs are good for the ngz of New Zealand this ear.
The likes of Wynton Rufer nd John Markovski up ont will strike fear into any efence. They could well ake their first appearance the finals this yea

ARCONI STALLIONS
nancial insecurity are not ords that have been heard around this team before but "no money" is the cry these days.

The side is young although Lee Sterrey faced similar difficulties at the beginning of his tenure at Newcastle.

They could well do better than many expect but the team lack some midfield muscle and may have difficulty regularly putting the ball in the back of the net.

MELBOURNE KNIGHTS
Andrew Marth's team has some muscle and a great team spirit.

They certainly finished well last year and a repeat performance would show that a club on the brink of extinction a few years ago is back.

It is not quite the side of the early 1990s but a fight for a finals place is not beyond the team and this will be another side that will benefit from a shorter season.

NEWCASTLE UNITED
Ian Crook has taken on some talent and it could be a big year up north.

All the boys now live in Newcastle and that should be a help in itself, having all the team at every training session.

Having seen the crowds come out regularly to a team not performing last season should these guys get going Newcastle could be the town to be.

NORTHERN SPIRIT
Once again they have purchased well in the player market and a striker of Pablo Cardozo's quality should make a real difference to Spirit's attack.

The question will be how Mick Hickman can blend them into a team and Craig Foster will need to step up in his new role of team captain and lead by example.

OLYMPIC SHARKS
The loss of Branko Culina will certainly be felt although Gary Phillips knows what this club is all about and has done well as a coach before, albeit not in the NSL.

We'll wait to see if the people of the shire turn out to watch the newly named sharks, and also whether their old supporters will go all the way to Cronulla to watch matches.

On the pitch the loss of player like Juric, Baillie, and Cardozo are going to be felt although the acquisition of young Strikers talents Wayne Shroj and Jade North will alleviate some of that.

PARRAMATTA POWER
The Power have gone about trying to build a team this year, rather than a set of individual players.

Stuart Munro is a great coach and his talents will be well utilised by the powers to be at Parramatta.

The defence has quality in the likes of Tobin, Orlic and Vrkic, although there is some question over how they will handle fleet-footed front lines.

What they really want this season though is regular crowd support.

PERTH GLORY
With a new coach the side will take on a different look this year.

The money and support behind this talented side is strong and Perth will once again be looking for a successful campaign.

However it would be seen as a poor year should they not make the Grand Final so the team will certainly be feeling the pressure from the start.

SOUTH MELBOURNE
Eddie Krncevic's team bears little resemblance to last year's Grand Finalists.

There is an emphasis on youth these days, something Krncevic had tried to encourage at Marconi.

Supporters are going to have to be patient with the team this year as it may not achieve all the success the fans have become used to.

SYDNEY UNITED
This side has been ready to go all off season but with two weeks left their man in charge was changed.

What a man to bring in, though, none other than prodigal son Branko Culina.

Not only that but the club already had brought back talent the likes of Ante Milicic, Asa Asanovic, and John Perosh.

The defence is a bit more questionable at this stage but Edensor Park should be the place for some cracking entertainment this season.

WOLLONGONG WOLVES
Once again many will write them off as having lost too many players to 'threepeat' but that denies the spirit and self belief of the Wolves.

Sean Babic and Buddy Farah are certainly going to help the Wolves cause.

The loss of Matt Horsley and Scott Chipperfield are blows but this side has always been about the team rather than individuals so the loss of players of this calibre will be felt less than they would at some other clubs.

They will be there in the final mix.

OVERALL each side has a realistic chance of making the Top Six although again two or three teams will stand out.

Personally I think the Top Six will be Perth, Wollongong, Newcastle, Spirit, Kingz and Sydney United.

That should now rule those six teams out.

Go out and enjoy the games and support football in this nation.

The administrators may make it look like a farce sometimes but it is the players and the fans who can really make the difference to the NSL.

There will be plenty of knockers about but the true football fan follows their team through thick and thin.

To all combatants this year the best of luck and may you do your fans proud because they deserve it.

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LETTING HIS FEET DO THE TALKING

RARELY has a player made such an emphatic impact in his international debut than Australian midfielder Fred Agius.

Agius was a regular member of the starting line-up in Australia's Under 17 Joeys side in the World Youth Cup.

In the qualifiers he tallied nothing short of six goals against American Samoa.

The Aussies were 3-0 up with a quarter of the game gone when Agius notched his first international goal.

He was on the mark again within four minutes and had completed his hat-trick by the stroke of half-time, as the Joeys went on to record a world record, 30-0 trouncing.

Surprisingly, the six-goal festival was not the best of his career.

"I scored 10 in one league game when I was about 10-years old," he recalls.

"I've always loved scoring goals," said Agius.

But, ask the player himself what he considers his greatest strength, and the answer is not a hawk's eye for goal.

"I would say my main strength is my character. I'm mentally tough and have a lot of endurance," he says.

He is aware that no mean amount of attention will be focused on him as the only Aboriginal player in the squad, but he doesn't consider it a big issue.

"My family knows I'm here to represent the Australian community and the Aboriginal one, and that's all that's important."

The young Agius prefers to let his feet do the talking, as they did most effectively when Australia faced New Zealand in the Oceania region final play-off.

The Kiwis had held the Joeys to a one-goal lead until deep into the second half of the first game in Canberra.

Then Agius scored two goals to give the Joeys a comfortable cushion to take into the second leg where they completed an ultimately emphatic 9-0 aggregate win.

A product of the South Australia Institute of Sport in his native Adelaide, Agius is now hoping to make a hit in senior football over in New South Wales.

He has already signed for the Sydney Sharks and hopes to break into the senior squad in the National Soccer League club by season's end.

FORUM EXTRA: THE CANBERRA COSMOS SITUATION

ONE doesn't know what to expect anymore when it comes to decisions surrounding the viability of clubs in the NSL.

At current there is no longer a team competing out of Canberra, with Soccer Australia announcing that the Cosmos have not met the criteria for the upcoming competition kicking-off on Friday night.

Soccer Australia have in the past executed twists, turns and backflips more in line with a gymnastic's floor routine rather than soccer's governing body.

So it is obviously with some trepidation that the decision to omit the Cosmos from the competition is believed.

What do you think about Soccer Australia's decision to omit the Cosmos from the NSL?

Lee Sterrey (Marconi)
"I went through this at Newcastle where they changed owners three times in the time I was there and it is a very difficult position to be in.

"I think that all the clubs should be based on the financial side of things and if they can't meet their financial obligations then they shouldn't be in the competition.

"It doesn't matter which club it is they must have financial stability that's the bottom line."

Eddie Krncevic (South Melbourne)
"I just think that it is very sad for soccer in this country.

"Last year we saw two clubs not being able to meet the criteria as well.

"Maybe Soccer Australia need to look closer at clubs and see what is happening.

"I don't know what to say except that it's very sad that this has happened."

Lawrie McKinna (Parramatta Power)
"I think the decision sort of makes th league look the same as it has th past few seasons.

"It was a shame they couldn't mee the financial side of things.

"It's unfortunate and I'm sorry to se them go.

"It's hardest on the players who ar contracted to the club, and they'v probably been led up the garden pat a bit.

"They're the ones I really feel sor for."

Sam Vella (Former President Parramatta Eagles)
"Well I definitely know what they' going through after we were kicke out of the NSL in 1995.

"Back then we didn't even owe an body any money and didn't have ar debts.

"Talking about this opens a lot sore wounds.

"They previously made the decisic to omit them and then they let the back in and know they're out again.

"That's not good and it doesn't cr ate an environment of any stability."

New South Wales Soccer – Times Continue to Change

SINCE its formation in 1957 the NSWSF has administered the premier soccer competition in New South Wales.

From a humble 11 team competition for its inaugural First Division season in 1957, the league's composition may have changed, but not its ability to produce top class football talent for Australia's representative teams.

Throughout the late 1950s, the 1960s and 1970s, the NSWSF ran a predominantly 12 team competition which was based around the Sydney metropolitan area: South Coast United, which was based out of Wollongong, was the only exception (Cornmal United actually played in the 1958 competition and South Coast United was a later amalgam of Cornmal Rangers, Bulli and Balgownie)

The glamour clubs of the day were the likes of Sydney Hakoah (5 Premierships between 1968 and 1974), APIA Leichhardt (4 Premierships between 1964 and 1975), St George Budapest (3 Premierships between 1962 and 1976) and Sydney Prague (4 Premierships between 1959 and 1963) who fostered outstanding home grown talents such as Socceroo captain John Warren, John Watkiss, Manfred Schaefer, Terry Butler and Ron Lord

With a large number of players coming to Australia from Europe, the quality of the competition improved

Internationals from Europe such as Leo Baumgartner, Walter Tamandl, Karl Jaros, David Cliss, Dennis Hoggart, Len Quested, Mike Johnson and Alec Jeffrey were just some of the names to come to Sydney and improve the standard of competition

But by 1976 the era had changed

With a number of the bigger First Division clubs pushing for the establishment of a national soccer league, the NSWSF lost a number of its higher profile clubs to the newly formed league.

Clubs such as St George and APIA were replaced by some newer clubs through the 1980s, with clubs such as Sutherland, Melita Eagles, Manly-Warringah and Canterbury-Marrickville now becoming the more traditional clubs

While the National League started to take hold, a policy of promotion and relegation began which gave an opportunity to some of the high performing NSW clubs to stake a claim for inclusion in the NSL

Clubs such as Sydney Croatia, Melita Eagles, Canterbury-Marrickville and Blacktown City all enjoyed various lengths of time in the National League under this new system.

But by the early 1990s the times were again changing

Sensing a need to revise the First Division competition the NSWSF took charge of its premier competition and formed a Super League competition for the 1992 season

The National Soccer League had decided to move to a summer format and the Super League was designed to give the talented pool of clubs in NSW a winter format with which to continue to develop their players

With a 12 team competition kicking off in 1992, it was Avala (now known as Bonnyngg White Eagles) which won the double (Premiership and Grand Final) of the inaugural competition

While the format was the same as past years, the Grand Final and Finals series was kept to ensure a high standard of competition throughout the season's entirety.

In 1993 it was Blacktown City s turn to win the league but they were beaten by a fired up Sydney Macedonia side in the Grand Final which, under the coaching of Ljube Jancev, backed it up by winning the double in 1994 ensuring their first win was no fluke

1993 also marked a second consecutive Gold Medal win to John Pillemer who took out the prestigious player of the year award

In 1994 that honour fell to Blacktown's Damien Smith.

In 1995 Warringah Dolphins, coached by former Socceroo captain John Kosmina, stamped their authority on the Super League by winning the Grand Final and Premiership double

Kosmina's coaching success was not lost on NSL club Newcastle Breakers who immediately snapped up the former Socceroo legend to a coaching contract.

Another notable name in the current NSL is Vlado Zoric who was the recipient of the 1995 Gold Medal as an attacking midfielder for Canterbury-Marrickville

While 1995 was a big year for Warringah it also marked the return to NSW competition for the Leichhardt Tigers.

After enjoying a successful time in the NSL from 1979 the club which was formed out of the former APIA side returned to Super League and were quick to re-establish themselves as one of the glamour sides of the competition.

A year later it would be the return of the Parramatta Eagles (formerly known as Melita Eagles) to the Super League competition that would cause the most stir.

After a much publicised relegation from the NSL, the Eagles bounced back quickly and won the Grand Finals in 1996 and 1997 and the Premiership in 1997.

Sutherland had pipped the Eagles for the honour of the 1996 Premiership

1996 also marked a great year for Sutherland striker Grant Bard as he accepted the Gold Medal, while a year later it would be the turn of former Socceroo Paul Carter to achieve the same honour.

The final three seasons of Super League were dominated by two clubs, Blacktown City and the Bonnyngg White Eagles

While both have enjoyed a remarkable run of success at the top level it has been through the nurturing and development of their junior players that has provided both clubs with the personnel to continue successfully.

While Blacktown won the 2000 Premiership and the Grand Final for the past three seasons, it was Bonnyngg who won the Premierships in 1998 and 1999

While both clubs have produced a number of talented players it has been Canterbury-Marrickville's striker Jimmy Nikas who has earned the most individual praise, winning the Gold Medal in 2000 and as a joint winner with John Buonavoglia in 1998.

The Central Coast have also been rewarded for their hard work by talented midfielder Peter Preston winning the 1999 award.

By again seeing the need to reposition its premier footballing competition in the summer months, the NSWSF opted to establish a 10 team NSW Summer Premier League for 2000-01

The inaugural season of summer soccer saw Blacktown City Demons win the Premiership while the Grand Final victor was Bonnyngg White Eagles under the coaching of former Socceroo goalkeeper Greg Woodhouse

Veteran striker Steve Lazzari won the Gold Medal for the Player of the Year in a memorable debut season for ACT club, Belconnen Blue Devils.

The NSWSF has expanded the NSW Premier League to 12 teams for the 2001/2002 season with the inclusion of Fairfield Bulls and Bankstown City Lions

Both the Bulls and the Lions participated in the 2001 Winter Super League with the Lions winning the Premiership to go into the summer on a high.

from NSWS

England recall Sheringham and Sinclair for crucial Greece match

TTENHAM striker Teddy Sheringham tured) took the place of injured erpool forward Michael Owen when en-Goran Eriksson announced his gland squad on Sunday for the crucial rld Cup qualifier against Greece.

here had been media speculation that ltic striker Chris Sutton might earn an gland recall but with Leeds forward Alan ith also out injured, Eriksson opted for guile of 35-year-old veteran eringham for the match at Old Trafford t Saturday.

ngland should clinch an automatic qual- ng place for next year's finals if they at Greece after being put in the Group ie driving seat with their 5-1 victory over rmany on September 1.

/est Ham midfielder Trevor Sinclair eived his first England call-up since bruary last year, but his former team- te Frank Lampard was dropped amid eculation he was paying the price for an advised drinking binge in front of nerican tourists in the wake of the ptember 11 terrorist attacks in the ited States.

t the back Arsenal's Martin Keown and ddlesbrough's Ugo Ehiogu were alled with Arsenal's Sol Campbell and nchester United's Wes Brown both ured.

here were no suprises in midfield nough there could be an addition the 23- ong squad if Manchester United's Nicky tt passes a fitness test Monday after staining a rib injury in the dramatic 5-3 ne-from-behind win over Tottenham on turday.

ichard Wright, impressive for Arsenal in ir 2-0 Premiership victory over Derby on turday, was chosen as third-choice alkeeper ahead of David James as wor- s over his team-mate and England num- one David Seaman's shoulder injury sisted.

Goalkeepers: David Seaman (Arsenal), Nigel Martyn (Leeds), Richard Wright (Arsenal)
Defenders: Gary Neville (Manchester United), Phil Neville (Manchester United), Rio Ferdinand (Leeds), Danny Mills (Leeds), Gareth Southgate (Middlesbrough), Ugo Ehiogu (Middlesbrough), Jamie Carragher (Liverpool), Martin Keown (Arsenal), Ashley Cole (Arsenal)
Midfielders: David Beckham (Manchester United, capt), Paul Scholes (Mancheter United), Steven Gerrard (Liverpool), Nick Barmby (Liverpool), Steve McManaman (Real Madrid/Spa), Danny Murphy (Liverpool), Trevor Sinclair (West Ham)
Strikers: Robbie Fowler (Liverpool), Emile Heskey (Liverpool), Andy Cole (Manchester United), Teddy Sheringham (Tottenham)

Bayern hit four to close gap

IGNING German and ropean champions Bayern nich thrashed VfB Stuttgart 4- n Sunday to close the gap on prise leaders Kaiserslautern o lost their 100 percent record previous day.

ayern's Brazilian forward ovane Elber struck twice in the t 13 minutes before complet- his hat-trick in the 61st nute.

is Brazilian teammate Paulo rgio added the fourth in the al minute against a Stuttgart e weakened when midfielder vio Meissner was sent off after t 18 minutes in front of 61,000 is at Munich's Olympic adium.

ayern's win moved them on to points, two behind iserslautern whose perfect rt to the season ended abrupt- when they were beaten 2-0 at ugglers VfL Wolfsburg on Saturday.

Bayer Leverkusen, like Bayern also competing in the Champions League, moved into third, one point behind Bayern, after brushing aside SC Freiburg 4-1 at home on Sunday.

Bayer's German internationals Michael Ballack and Oliver Neuville underlined their goalscoring form going into the crucial 2002 World Cup qualifier against Finland next Saturday.

Midfielder Ballack struck twice, Neuville grabbed another and Turkish international Yildiray Basturk opened the scoring.

Tunisian international Adel Sellimi was Freiburg's scorer.

Kaiserslautern had won their first seven games of the season, equalling a league record, but Wolfsburg's Polish international striker Andrzej Juskowiak opened the scoring in the 14th minute and defender Frank Greiner put the result beyond doubt with the second goal eight minutes from time.

With their first win of the season, Wolfsburg moved off the bottom of the table.

Kaiserslautern's coach, former World Cup winner Andreas Brehme, said: "No one can say that we didn't have enough chances to win this game.

"The way we used those chances is the only thing I can complain about in this match."

His opposite number Wolfgang Wolf will have had mixed feelings about the result - he made 248 appearances as a player for Kaiserslautern - but this result probably saved his job.

Borussia Dortmund took full points with a hard-fought 2-1 victory at newly-promoted St-Pauli.

Brazilian Ewerthon marked his league debut for Dortmund with the first goal and giant Czech striker Jan Koller added a second in the 33rd minute.

Dortmund were cruising until St-Pauli midfielder Thomas Meggle made them sweat with a 77th-minute effort.

"We had a bit of luck at the end," said Dortmund coach Matthias Sammer.

"Overall it was a win we deserved.

"You could see that the team was under pressure and we saw at the end that anything is possible in the Bundesliga."

Schalke 04's Ghanaian-born German international Gerard Asamoah staked his claim for a starting place against Finland when he scored his side's second goal in a 2-0 win at home to Energie Cottbus.

Belgian international Emile Mpenza had opened the scoring for Schalke, who were lying fifth after this win.

Hertha Berlin threw off their shaky start to the season with a convincing 3-0 win at home to crisis club Cologne, giving them 11 points from eight games.

German international Sebastian Deisler, Brazilian Marcelinho and veteran striker Michael Preetz were Berlin's scorers.

Berlin coach Jurgen Rober made a point of thanking the fans for their support - his opposite number Ewald Lienen had recently criticised the Cologne fans and his job was put under more strain after another heavy defeat.

"We battled for the whole 90 minutes," said Lienen.

In other matches, Werder Bremen beat Borussia Monchengladbach 1-0 to stay in the top half of the table, 1860 Munich drew 2-2 with Rostock and Nuremberg ground out a 0-0 defeat with SV Hamburg.

SCOREBOARD

INTERNATIONAL

WORLD CUP

UEFA
The nine group runners-up and the third-placed Asian team will be drawn in five head-to-head ties, the winners of which also qualify for the finals. Therefore 13 or 14 European national sides, plus the holders France, will take part in the finals.

Group One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Russia	9	6	2	1	14	5	20
Slovenia	9	4	5	0	14	9	17
Yugoslavia	9	4	4	1	16	6	16
Switzerland	9	4	2	3	18	8	14
Faroes	9	2	1	6	6	20	7
Luxembourg	9	0	0	9	2	22	0

Played:
02/09/00:
Switzerland 0 Russia 1
03/09/00:
Faroe Islands 2 Slovenia 2;
Luxemburg 0 Yugoslavia 2
07/10/00:
Switzerland 5 Faroe Islands 1;
Luxemburg 1 Slovenia 2
11/10/00:
Russia 3 Luxemburg 0;
Slovenia 2 Switzerland 2
24/03/01:
Luxemburg 0 Faroe Islands 2;
Russia 1 Slovenia 1;
Yugoslavia 1 Switzerland 1
28/03/01:
Russia 1 Faroe Islands 0;
Switzerland 5 Luxemburg 0;
Slovenia 1 Yugoslavia 1
02/06/01:
Russia 1 Yugoslavia 1;
Faroe Islands 0 Switzerland 1;
Slovenia 2 Luxemburg 0
06/06/01:
Faroe Islands 0 Yugoslavia 6,
Switzerland 0 Slovenia 1,
Luxembourg 1 Russia 2
15/08/01:
Yugoslavia 2 Faroe Islands 0
01/09/01:
Switzerland 1 Yugoslavia 2;
Slovenia 2 Russia 1;
Faroe Islands 1 Luxemburg 0
05/09/01:
Yugoslavia 1 Slovenia 1
Luxemburg 0. Switzerland 3
Faroe Islands 0. Russia 3

To Play:
06/10/01:
Yugoslavia vs. Luxemburg;
Russia vs. Switzerland;
Slovenia vs. Faroe Islands

Group Two

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Portugal	9	6	3	0	28	7	21
Ireland	9	6	3	0	19	5	21
Netherlands	9	5	2	2	26	9	17
Estonia	9	2	2	5	10	21	8
Cyprus	9	2	2	5	13	27	8
Andorra	9	0	0	9	5	32	0

Played:
16/08/00:
Estonia 1 Andorra 0
02/09/00:
Andorra 2 Cyprus 3;
Netherlands 2 Rep of Ireland 2
03/09/00:
Estonia 1 Portugal 3
07/10/00:
Andorra 1 Estonia 2;
Cyprus 0 Netherlands 4;
Portugal 1 Rep of Ireland 1
11/10/00:
Rep of Ireland 2 Estonia 0;
Netherlands 0 Portugal 2
15/11/00:
Cyprus 5 Andorra 0
28/02/01:
Portugal 3 Andorra 0
24/03/01:
Cyprus 0 Rep of Ireland 4;
Andorra 0 Netherlands 5
28/03/01:
Andorra 0 Rep of Ireland 3;
Cyprus 2 Estonia 2;
Portugal 2 Netherlands 2
02/06/01:
Rep of Ireland 1 Portugal 1;
Estonia 2 Netherlands 4
06/06/01:
Estonia 0 Rep of Ireland 2;
Portugal 6 Cyprus 0
15/08/01:
Estonia 2 Cyprus 2
01/09/01:
Rep of Ireland 1 Netherlands 0,
Andorra 1 Portugal 7,
Rep of Ireland 1 Netherlands 0
05/09/01:
Netherlands 5 Estonia 0
Cyprus 1 Portugal 3

To Play:
06/10/01:
Netherlands vs. Andorra;
Portugal vs. Estonia;
Rep of Ireland vs. Cyprusp

Group Three

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Denmark	9	5	4	0	16	6	19
Czech Rep	9	5	2	2	14	8	17
Bulgaria	9	5	2	2	14	9	17
Iceland	9	4	1	4	14	14	13
N Ireland	9	2	2	5	10	12	8
Malta	9	0	1	8	4	23	1

Played:
02/09/00:
Northern Ireland 1 Malta 0;
Iceland 1 Denmark 2;
Bulgaria 0 Czech Republic 1
07/10/00:
Northern Ireland 1 Denmark 1;
Czech Republic 4 Iceland 0;
Bulgaria 3 Malta 0
11/10/00:
Malta 0 Czech Republic 0;
Denmark 1 Bulgaria 1;
Iceland 1 Northern Ireland 0
24/03/01:
Northern Ireland 0 Czech Republic 1; Bulgaria 2 Iceland 1;
Malta 0 Denmark 5
28/03/01:
Bulgaria 4 Northern Ireland 3;
Czech Republic 0 Denmark
002/06/01:
Iceland 3 Malta 0;
Northern Ireland 0 Bulgaria 1;
Denmark 2 Czech Republic
106/06/01:
Denmark 2 Malta 1;
Czech Republic 3 Northern Ireland 1; Iceland 1 Bulgaria 1
01/09/01:
Iceland 3 Czech Republic 1;
Malta 0 Bulgaria 2; Denmark 1
Northern Ireland 1
05/09/01:
Czech Republic 3 Malta 2
Bulgaria 0. Denmark 2
Northern Ireland 3 Iceland 0

To Play:
06/10/01:
Czech Republic vs. Bulgaria;
Denmark vs. Iceland;
Malta vs. Northern Ireland

Group Four

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sweden	9	7	2	0	17	3	23
Turkey	9	5	3	1	15	8	18
Slovakia	9	4	2	3	11	9	14
Macedonia	9	1	4	4	11	13	7
Moldova	9	1	3	5	6	17	6
Azerbaijan	9	1	2	6	4	14	5

Played:
02/09/00:
Turkey 2 Moldova 0;
Azerbaijan 0 Sweden 1
03/09/00:
Slovakia 2 Macedonia 0
06/10/00:
Macedonia 3 Azerbaijan 0
07/10/00:
Sweden 1 Turkey 1;
Moldova 0 Slovakia 1
11/10/00:
Azerbaijan 0 Turkey 1;
Moldova 0 Macedonia 0;
Slovakia 0 Sweden 0
24/03/01:
Sweden 1 Macedonia 0;
Azerbaijan 0 Moldova 0;
Turkey 1 Slovakia 1
28/03/01:
Slovakia 3 Azerbaijan 1;
Macedonia 1 Turkey 2;
Moldova 0 Sweden 2
02/06/01:
Sweden 2 Slovakia 0;
Turkey 3 Azerbaijan 0;
Macedonia 2 Moldova 2
06/06/01:
Azerbaijan 2 Slovakia 0;
Sweden 6 Moldavia 0;
Turkey 3 Macedonia 3
01/09/01:
Macedonia 1 Sweden 2;
Moldova 2 Azerbaijan 0;
Slovakia 0 Turkey 1
05/09/01:
Turkey 1 Sweden 2
Slovakia 4 Moldova 2
Azerbaijan 1 Macedonia 1
To Play:
07/10/01:
Macedonia vs. Slovakia;
Moldova vs. Turkey;
Sweden vs. Azerbaijan

GROUP 5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Poland	9	6	2	1	20	10	20
Ukraine	9	4	4	1	12	7	16
Belarus	9	4	3	2	12	10	15
Norway	9	1	4	4	8	13	7
Wales	9	0	6	3	9	12	6
Armenia	9	0	5	4	6	15	5

Played:
02/09/00:
Norway 0 Armenia 0;
Belarus 2 Wales 1;
Ukraine 1 Poland 3
07/10/00:
Wales 1 Norway 1;
Armenia 2 Ukraine 3;
Poland 3 Belarus 1
11/10/00:
Belarus 2 Armenia 1;
Norway 0 Ukraine 1;
Poland 0 Wales 0
24/03/01:
Norway 2 Poland 3;
Ukraine 0 Belarus 0;
Armenia 2 Wales 2
28/03/01:
Poland 4 Armenia 0;
Wales 1 Ukraine 1;
Belarus 2 Norway 1
02/06/01:
Armenia 0 Belarus 0;
Wales 1 Poland 2;
Ukraine 0 Norway 0
06/06/01:
Ukraine 1 Wales 1;
Norway 1 Belarus 1;
Armenia 1 Poland 1
01/09/01:
Belarus 0 Ukraine 2;
Wales 0 Armenia 0;
Poland 3 Norway 0
05/09/01:
Ukraine 3 Armenia 0
Belarus 4 Poland 1
Norway 3 Wales 2

To Play:
06/10/01:
Wales vs. Belarus;
Armenia vs. Norway;
Poland vs. Ukraine

Group Six

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Belgium	7	5	2	0	25	5	17
Croatia	7	4	3	0	14	2	15
Scotland	7	3	3	1	10	5	12
Latvia	7	1	1	5	4	14	4
San Marino	8	0	1	7	3	30	1

Played:
02/09/00:
Latvia 0 Scotland 1;
Belgium 0 Croatia 0
07/10/00:
San Marino 0 Scotland 2;
Latvia 0 Belgium 4
11/10/00:
Croatia 1 Scotland 1
15/11/00:
San Marino 0 Latvia 1
28/02/01:
Belgium 10 (ten) San Marino 1
24/03/01:
Scotland 2 Belgium 2;
Croatia 4 Latvia 1
28/03/01:
Scotland 4 San Marino 0
02/06/01:
Croatia 4 San Marino 0;
Belgium 3 Latvia 1
06/06/01:
Lativa 0 Croatia 1;
San Marino 1 Belgium 4
01/09/01:
Scotland 0 Croatia 0
05/09/01:
San Marino 0 Croatia 4
Belgium 2 Scotland 0

To Play:
06/10/01:
Croatia vs. Belgium;
Scotland vs. Latvia

Group Seven

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Spain	8	6	2	0	21	4	20
Austria	7	4	2	1	9	7	14
Israel	7	3	2	2	10	6	11
Bosnia	7	1	2	4	7	12	5
Liechtenstein	7	0	0	7	0	18	0

Played
02/09/00:
Bosnia-Herzegovina 1 Spain 2
03/09/00:
Israel 2 Liechtenstein 0
07/10/00:
Liechtenstein 0 Austria 1;
Spain 2 Israel 0
11/10/00:
Israel 3 Bosnia-Herzegovina 1;
Austria 1 Spain 1
24/03/01:
Bosnia-Herzegovina 1 Austria 1;
Spain 5 Liechtenstein 0
28/03/01:
Liechtenstein 0 Bosnia-Herzegovina 3;
Austria 2 Israel 1
02/06/01:
Spain 4 Bosnia-Herzegovina 1;
Liechtenstein 0 Israel 3
06/06/01:
Israel 1 Spain 1
01/09/01:
Spain 4 Austria 0,
Bosnia-Herzegovina 0 Israel 0;
05/09/01:
Liechtenstein vs. Spain;
Austria vs. Bosnia-Herzegovina

To Play:
07/10/01:
Israel vs. Austria;
Bosnia-Herzegovina vs. Liechtenstein

Group Eight

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Italy	7	5	2	0	15	3	17
Romania	7	5	0	2	9	6	15
Georgia	7	3	0	4	11	11	9
Hungary	7	2	2	3	14	12	8
Lithuania	8	0	2	6	3	20	2

Played
03/09/00:
Romania 1 Lithuania 0;
Hungary 2 Italy 2
07/10/00:
Lithuania 0 Georgia 4;
Italy 3 Romania 0
11/10/00:
Lithuania 1 Hungary 6;
Italy 2 Georgia 0
24/03/01:
Hungary 1 Lithuania 1;
Romania 0 Italy 2
28/03/01:
Georgia 0 Romania 2;
Italy 4 Lithuania 0
02/06/01:
Romania 2 Hungary 0;
Georgia 1 Italy 2
06/06/01:
Lithuania 1 Romania 2;
Hungary 4 Georgia 1
01/09/01:
Georgia 3 Hungary 1;
Lithuania 0 Italy 0
05/09/01:
Georgia 2 Lithuania 0
Hungary 0. Romania 2

To Play:
06/10/01:
Italy vs. Hungary;

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SCOREBOARD

Romania vs. Georgia

Group Nine

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	7	5	1	1	14	4	16
Germany	7	5	1	1	14	10	16
Finland	7	3	2	2	12	7	11
Greece	7	2	0	5	5	15	6
Albania	8	1	0	7	5	14	3

Played:
02/09/00:
Finland 2 Albania 1;
Germany 2 Greece 0
07/10/00:
England 0 Germany 1;
Greece 1 Finland 0
11/10/00:
Finland 0 England 0;
Albania 2 Greece 0
24/03/01:
England 2 Finland 1;
Germany 2 Albania 1
28/03/01:
Albania 1 England 3;
Greece 2 Germany 4
02/06/01:
Greece 1 Albania 0;
Finland 2 Germany 2
06/06/01;
Greece 0 England 2;
Albania 0 Germany 2
01/09/01:
Germany 1 England 5;
Albania 0 Finland 2
05/09/01:
England 2 Albania 0
Finland 5 Greece 1

To Play:
06/10/01:
Germany vs. Finland;
England vs. Greece

CONCACAF

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Costa Rica	7	5	1	1	14	7	16
United States	7	4	1	2	9	5	13
Honduras	7	3	2	2	16	13	11
Jamaica	6	2	2	2	5	8	8
Mexico	6	2	1	3	8	8	7
T&Tobago	7	0	1	6	4	15	1

Fixtures Played:
28-02-01
Jamaica 1 Trinidad and Tobago 0
USA 2 Mexico 0
Costa Rica 2 Honduras 2
25-03-01
Mexico 4 Jamaica 0
28-03-01
Honduras 1 USA 2
Costa Rica 3 Trinidad and Tobago 0
25-05-01
Trinidad and Tobago 1 Mexico 1
USA 1 Costa Rica 0
Jamaica 1 Honduras 1
28-06-01
Mexico 1 Costa Rica 2
Jamaica 0 USA 0
Trinidada and Tobago 2 Honduras 4
30-06-01
Honduras 3 Mexico 1
USA 2 Trinidad and Tobago 0
Costa Rica 2 Jamaica 1
30-06-01
Trinidad and Tobago 1 Jamaica 2
31-07-01
Mexico 1 USA 0
Honduras 2 Costa Rica 3
01-09-01
USA 2 Honduras 3
Trinidad and Tobago 0 Costa Rica 2
02-09-01
Jamaica v Mexico
05-09-01
Mexico v Trinidad and Tobago,
Honduras v Jamaica
Costa Rica v USA

To Play:
07-10-01 Honduras v Trinidad and Tobago, Costa Rica v Mexico, USA v Jamaica
11-11-01 Mexico v Honduras, Jamaica v Costa Rica, Trinidad and Tobago v USAafp01

ASIA
Winners of Group A and Group B qualify for the World Cup finals in South Korea and Japan.
Runners-up in Group A and Group B play-off on a home-and-away basis with the winner qualifying to play the runners-up from European zone Group Two.

Group A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Saudi Arabia	6	3	2	1	11	6	11
Iran	5	2	3	0	6	3	9
Iraq	6	2	1	3	7	6	7
Bahrain	6	1	3	2	4	7	6
Thailand	5	0	3	2	3	9	3

Played:
17/08/01:
Iraq 4 Thailand 0
Saudi Arabia 1 Bahrain 1
23/08/01:
Bahrain 2 Iraq 0
24/08/01:
Iran 2 Saudi Arabia 0
31/08/01:
Saudi Arabia 1 Iraq 0
01/09/01:
Thailand 0 Iran 0
06/09/01:
Bahrain 1 Thailand 1
07/09/01:
Iraq 1 Iran 2
14/09/01:
Iran 0 Bahrain 0
15/09/01:
Thailand 1 Saudi Arabia 3
21/09/01:
Bahrain 0 Saudi Arabia 4
22/09/01:
Thailand 1 Iraq 1
28/09/01:
Iraq 1 Bahrain 0
Saudi Arabia 2 Iran 2

To Play:
05/10/01: Iran v Thailand, at Tehran; Iraq v Saudi Arabia, at Amman
12/10/01: Iran v Iraq, at Tehran
13/10/01: Thailand v Bahrain, at Bangkok
19/10/01: Bahrain v Iran, at Manama; Saudi Arabia v Thailand, at Riyadh

Group B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
China	5	4	1	0	9	1	13
Qatar	6	2	3	1	9	5	9
Uzbekistan	6	2	1	3	10	10	7
UAE	6	2	1	3	6	8	7
Oman	5	0	2	3	1	11	2

Played:
16/08/01:
Qatar 0 Oman 0
17/08/01:
United Arab Emirates 4 Uzbekistan 1
25/08/01:
China 3 UAE 0
26/08/01:
Uzbekistan 2 Qatar 1
31/08/01:
Oman 0 China 2
UAE 0 Qatar 2
07/09/01:
Qatar 1 China 1
08/09/01:
Uzbekistan 5 Oman
14/09/01:
Oman 1 UAE 1
15/09/01:
China 2 Uzbekistan 0
21/09/01:
Oman 0 Qatar 3
22/09/01:
Uzbekistan 0 UAE 1
27/09/01:
UAE 0 China 1
28/09/01:
Qatar 2 Uzbekistan 0

To Play:
04/10/01:
Qatar v UAE, at Doha
07/10/01:
China v Oman, at Shenyang
13/10/01:
Oman v Uzbekistan, at Muscat;
China v Qatar, at Shenyang
19/10/01:
UAE v Oman, at Abu Dhabi
29/10/01:

SOUTH AMERICA
The teams finishing in positions 1 to 4 win automatic qualification. The fifth placed side goes into a home and away play-off against Oceania winners Australia. The winner of that match also qualifies for the finals.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Argentina	15	12	2	1	37	12	38
Paraguay	15	9	2	4	26	14	29
Ecuador	15	8	2	5	17	18	26
Brazil	15	7	3	5	25	14	24
Uruguay	15	7	3	5	16	10	24
Colombia	15	5	5	5	12	13	20
Peru	15	4	3	8	13	19	15
Bolivia	15	3	5	7	16	26	14
Chile	15	3	2	10	14	22	11
Venezuela	15	3	1	11	12	40	10

Played:
28/03/00:
Colombia 0 Brazil 0
29/03/00:
Ecuador 2 Venezuela 0;
Uruguay 1 Bolivia 0;
Peru 2 Paraguay 0;
Argentina 4 Chile 1
26/04/00:
Bolivia 1 Colombia 1;
Paraguay 1 Uruguay 0;
Venezuela 0 Argentina 4;
Chile 1 Peru 1;
Brazil 3 Ecuador 2
03/06/00:
Uruguay 2 Chile 1;
Paraguay 3 Ecuador 1
04/06/00:
Argentina 1 Bolivia 0;
Peru 0 Brazil 1; Colombia 3 Venezuela 0
28/06/00:
Venezuela 4 Bolivia 2;
Brazil 1 Uruguay 1
29/06/00:
Ecuador 2 Peru 1;
Chile 3 Paraguay 1;
Colombia 1 Argentina 3
18/07/00:
Uruguay 3 Venezuela 1;
Paraguay 2 Brazil 1
19/07/00:
Bolivia 1 Chile 0;
Argentina 2 Ecuador 0;
Peru 0 Colombia 1
25/07/00:
Ecuador 0 Colombia 0;
Venezuela 0 Chile 2
26/07/00:
Uruguay 0 Peru 0;
Brazil 3 Argentina 1
27/07/00:
Bolivia 0 Paraguay 0
15/08/00:
Colombia 1 Uruguay 0;
Chile 3 Brazil 0
16/08/00:
Ecuador 2 Bolivia 0;
Argentina 1 Paraguay 1;
Peru 1 Venezuela 0
02/09/00:
Paraguay 3 Venezuela 0;
Chile 0 Colombia 1
03/09/00:
Uruguay 4 Ecuador 0;
Peru 1 Argentina 2;
Brazil 5 Bolivia 0;
07/10/00:
Colombia 0 Paraguay 2
08/10/00:
Venezuela 0 Brazil 6;
Bolivia 1 Peru 0;
Ecuador 1 Chile 0;
Argentina 2 Uruguay 1
15/11/00:
Brazil 1 Colombia 0;
Bolivia 0 Uruguay 0;
Venezuela 1 Ecuador 2;
Paraguay 5 Peru 1;
Chile 0 Argentina 2
27/03/01:
Colombia 2 Bolivia 0;
Peru 3 Chile 1
28/03/01:
Ecuador 1 Brazil 0;
Uruguay 0 Paraguay 1;
Argentina 5 Venezuela 0
24/04/01:
Ecuador 2 Paraguay 1;
Venezuela 2 Colombia 2;
Chile 0 Uruguay 1
25/04/01:
Bolivia 3 Argentina 3;
Brazil 1 Peru 1
02/06/01:
Paraguay 1 Chile 0;
Peru 1 Ecuador 2
03/06/01:
Bolivia 5 Venezuela 0;
Argentina 3 Colombia 0
01/07/01:
Uruguay 1 Brazil 0
14/08/01:
Venezuela 2 Uruguay 0;
Chile 2 Bolivia 2
15/08/01:
Ecuador 0 Argentina 2;
Brazil 2 Paraguay 0
16/08/01:
Colombia 0 Peru 1
04/09/01:
Chile 0 Venezuela 2;
Peru 0 Uruguay 2
05/09/01:
Paraguay 5 Bolivia 1;
Colombia 0 Ecuador 0;
Argentina 2 Brazil 1

To play:
07/10/01:
Uruguay vs. Colombia;
Brazil vs. Chile;
Bolivia vs. Ecuador;
Paraguay vs. Argentina;
Venezuela vs. Peru
08/11/01:
Argentina vs. Peru;
Bolivia vs. Brazil;
Ecuador vs. Uruguay;
Colombia vs. Chile;
Venezuela vs. Paraguay
14/11/01:
Uruguay vs. Argentina;
Brazil vs. Venezuela;
Paraguay vs. Colombia;
Chile vs. Ecuador;
Peru vs. Bolivia

WORLD YOUTH CUP

Group A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brazil	3	3	0	0	10	2	9
Australia	3	2	0	1	5	1	6
Croatia	3	1	0	2	3	8	3
Trinidad	3	0	0	3	2	9	0

Brazil and Australia qualify for quarterfinals

Group B

Nigeria	3	3	0	0	8	1	9
France	3	2	0	1	11	6	6
Japan	3	1	0	2	2	9	3
United States	3	0	0	3	3	8	0

Nigeria and France qualify for quarterfinals

Group C

Argentina	3	2	1	0	9	4	7
Burkina Faso	3	1	2	0	4	3	5
Spain	3	1	0	2	4	6	3
Oman	3	0	1	2	2	6	1

Argentina and Burkina Faso qualify for quarterfinals

Group D

Costa Rica	3	2	0	1	5	2	6
Mali	3	2	0	1	4	2	6
Paraguay	3	2	0	1	5	6	6
Iran	3	0	0	3	2	6	0

Costa Rica and Mali qualify for quarterfinals

GROUP A
13-Sep
Trinidad and Tobago 1 Croatia 2
14-Sep
Australia 0 Brazil 1
16-Sep
Trinidad and Tobago 0 Australia 1

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SCOREBOARD

16-Sep
Croatia 1 Brazil 3
19-Sep
Brazil 6 Trinidad and Tobago 1
Croatia 0 Australia 4

GROUP B
14-Sep
United States 0 Japan 1
France vs. Nigeria 1:2
16-Sep
Japan vs. Nigeria 0:4
United States vs. France 3:5
19-Sep
Nigeria vs. United States 2:0
Japan vs. France 1:5

GROUP C
15-Sep
Oman vs. Spain 1:2
Argentina vs. Burkina Faso 2:2
17-Sep
Spain vs. Burkina Faso 0:1
Oman vs. Argentina 0:3
20-Sep
Burkina Faso vs. Oman 1:1
20-Sep
Spain vs. Argentina 2:4

GROUP D
15-Sep
Mali vs. Paraguay 1:2
Iran vs. Costa Rica 0:2
17-Sep
Paraguay vs. Costa Rica 0:3
Mali vs. Iran 1:0
20-Sep
Costa Rica vs. Mali 0:2
Paraguay vs. Iran 3:2

QUARTER FINALS
23-Sep
Brazil vs. France 1:2
Nigeria vs. Australia 5:1
24-Sep
Argentina vs. Mali 2:1 a.e.t.
Costa Rica vs. Burkina Faso 0:2

SEMI FINALS
27-Sep
France vs. Argentina 2:1
Nigeria vs. Burkina Faso 1:0

CLUB

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Sept 26
Group A
At MadridReal Madrid (Spa) 4 (Celades 49, Raul 50, 66, Solari 80) Anderlecht (Bel) 1 (Dindane 33)
At RomeAS Roma (Ita) 2 (Chugainov 71-og, Totti 78) Lokomotiv Moscow (Rus) 1 (Obradovic 58)
Group B
At Porto, PortugalBoavista (Por) 2 (Silva 23, Sanchez 38) Borussia Dortmund (Ger) 1 (Amoroso
At Liverpool, EnglandLiverpool (Eng) 1 (Litmanen 23) Dynamo Kiev (Ukr) 0
Group C
At AthensPanathinaikos (Gre) 1 (Karagounis 25) Arsenal (Eng) 0
At Gelsenkirchen, Germany
Schalke 04 (Ger) 0 Real Mallorca (Spa) 1 (Eto'o 66)
Group D
At Eindhoven, Netherlands
PSV Eindhoven (Ned) 1 (Hofland 40) Lazio (Ita) 0
At Nantes, FranceNantes (Fra) 0 Galatasaray (Tur) 1 (Sergen 80)

UEFA CUP

first round second leg
Valencia (Spa) 5 Chernomorets (Rus) 0
Valencia win 6-0 on aggregate
Fiorentina (Ita) 2 Dniepr (Ukr) 1
Fiorentina win 2-1 on aggregate
Hibernian (Sco) 3 AEK Athens (Gre) 2 AEK Athens win 4-3 on aggregate
Sigma Olomouc (Cze) 4 Celta Vigo (Spa) Celta Vigo win 7-4 on aggregate
Legia Warsaw (Pol) 6 Elfsborg (Swe) 1 Legia win 10-2 on aggregate
Brondby (Den) 0 Olympic Lubljana (Slo) 0Brondby win 4-2 on aggregate
Varteks Varazdin (Cro) 0 Aston Villa (Eng) 1
Varteks win on away goal rule after match finished 3-3 on aggregate
Strasbourg (Fra) 2 Standard Liege (Bel) 2 Standard Liege win 4-2 on aggregate
Leeds 3 (Eng) Maritimo (Por) 0Leeds win 3-1 on aggregate
Rapid Vienna (Aut) 5 Partizan Belgrade (Yug) 1 Rapid Vienna win 5-2 on aggregate
AC Milan (Ita) 4 Borisov (Blr) 0AC Milan win 6-0 on aggregate
Apollon Limassol (Cyp) 0 Ajax (Ned) 3 Ajax win 8-0 on aggregate
SC Freiburg (Ger) 2 Matador Puchov (Svk) 1 Freiburg win 2-1 on aggregate
FC Bruges (Bel) 7 Olympiakos Nicosia (Cyp) 1FC Bruges won 9-3 on aggregate
Rangers 1 (Konterman 84) Anzhi Makhachkala (Rus) 0
Rangers win 1-0 - first leg cancelled by UEFA
Steaua Bucarest (Rom) 1 St-Gallen (Swi) 1St Gallen win 3-2 on aggregate
Slavia Prague (Cze) 1 Servette Geneva (Swi) 1 Servette win 2-1 on aggregate
PAOK Salonika (Gre) 4 Karnten (Aut) 0
PAOK win 4-0 on aggregate
FC Twente (Ned) 2 KP Warsaw (Pol) 0
Twente win 4-1 on aggregate
Halmstad (Swe) 1 Genclerbirligi (Tur) 0
Halmstad win 2-1 on aggregate
Levski Sofia (Bul) 0 Chelsea (Eng) 2 Chelsea win 5-0 on aggregate
Stavanger (Nor) 2 Kilmamock (Sco) 0
Stavanger win 3-0 on aggregate
Torpedo Moscow (Rus) 1 Ipswich (Eng) 2 Ipswich win 3-2 on aggregate
Helsingborg (Swe) 1 Odds BK (Nor) 1 Helsingborg win on away goals after match ended 3-3 on aggregate
Helsinki (Fin) 0 Parma (Ita) 2 Parma win 3-0 on aggregate
Red Star Belgrade (Yug) 0 CSKA Kiev (Ukr) 0CSKA Kiev win 3-2 on aggregate
Silkeborg (Den) 1 Real Zaragoza (Spa) 2 Real Zaragoza win 5-1 on aggregate
Sedan (Fra) 3 Pribram (Cze) 1 Pribram win 5-3 on aggregate
Grasshopper Zurich (Swi) 3 Dynamo Bucarest (Rom) 1 Grasshopper win 6-2 on aggregate
Sturm Graz (Aut) 3 Utrecht 3 (Ned) Utrecht win 6-3 on aggregate
Debrecen (Hun) 3 Bordeaux (Fra) 1 Bordeaux win 6-4 on aggregate
Shakhtar Donetsk (Ukr) 2 CSKA Sofia (Bul) 1 CSKA Sofia win 4-2 on aggregate
Birkirkara (Mlt) 0 Dynamo Moscow (Rus) 0Dynamo Moscow win 1-0 on aggregate
Slovan Bratislava (Svk) 1 Slovan Liberec (Cze) 0
Slovan Liberec win 2-1 on aggregate
Litex Lovech (Bul) 3 Inter Bratislava (Svk) 0
Litex win 3-1 on aggregate
Union Berlin (Ger) 3 Haka Valkeakoski (Fin) 0
Union Berlin win 4-1 on aggregate
Osijek (Cro) 1 Gorica (Slo) 0
Osijek win 3-1 on aggregate
Obilic (Yug) 2 FC Copenhagen (Den) 2 FC Copenhagen win 4-2 on aggregate
Brasov (Rom) 0 Inter Milan (Ita) 3
Inter Milan win 6-0 on aggregate
Wisla Krakow (Pol) 1 Hajduk Split (Cro) 0
Wisla Krakow win 3-2 on aggregate
Ruzomberok (Svk) 1 Troyes (Fra) 0Troyes win 6-2 on aggregate

BELGIUM

Sept 30
FC Bruges 1 Genk 2
Aalst 1 Anderlecht 5
Standard Liege 0 Lokeren 2
Charleroi 1 Beveren 1
Molenbeek 0 Westerlo 1
St Truiden 1 Mouscron 2
Ghent 2 La Louviere 1
Lommel 2 Antwerp 2
Germinal Beerschot 2 Lierse 0

ENGLAND

Sept 26
First Division
Preston 4 Norwich 0
Watford 3 Birmingham 3
Second Division
Stoke 3 Colchester 0

Sept 30
First Division
Watford 1 Preston 1

September 30
Premier League
Ipswich Town 1 Leeds United 2
Aston Villa 2 Blackburn Rovers 0
Newcastle United 0 Liverpool 2
Fulham 1 Chelsea 1

CANTERBURY MARRICKVILLE OLYMPIC

Super Cadets/Youth League Trials

(Under 11s and Under 12s) (Under 13s to Under 17s)

FOR SEASON 2002 ....

DATES:
Sunday 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th October 2001

VENUE:
Henson Park, Marrickville

TIME:
9am-12pm

ENQUIRIES:
Laki Konistis (Club Administrator)
04111 91815

2002 KDSA REPRESENTATIVE TRIALS

KDSA Reps - Feeder to Northern Spirit

KDSA is looking for players to represent the KDSA in 2002

Trials for 2002 Rep Teams

Under 11s (born 1991)
Sunday 21 October, 28 October, 4 November 3.00-4.30pm
Under 12s
Sunday 21 October, 28 October, 4 November 5.00-6.30pm
Trials held at Golden Jubilee Oval, End Westbrook Ave, Wahroonga
Competing in Junior League (Sunday)

Under 13s & Under 15s
Monday 15 October, 22 October, 29 October 6.45-8.30pm
Under 14s & Under 17s
Tuesday 16 October, 23 October, 30 October 6.45-8.30pm
Trials held at Foxglove Oval, Foxglove Rd, Mt Colah
Competing in Super Youth League (Saturday)

Girls Under 14s & Under 16s
Wednesday 17 October, 24 October, 31 October 6.45-8.30pm
Trials held at Foxglove Oval, Foxglove Rd, Mt Colah
Competing in Girls Youth League (Friday/Sunday)

Under 18 & Seniors
Wednesday 17 October, 24 October, 31 October 7.30-9.30pm
Trials held at Foxglove Oval, Foxglove Rd, Mt Colah
Competing in State Premier League (Sunday)

Registration 15 mins prior to trial time
For further information contact KDSA Office on 9477 6521 during Office Hou
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Play soccer at a very high level, Receive expert coaching,
Access a potential career path with Northern Spirit FC
All players are invited to attend the trials

SCOREBOARD

September 29
Tottenham Hotspur 3 Manchester United 5
Middlesbrough 1 Southampton 3
Everton 5 West Ham United 0
Derby County 0 Arsenal 2
Charlton Athletic 2 Leicester City 0
Bolton Wanderers 0 Sunderland 2

FRANCE

September 30
Sedan 1 Lille 1
Troyes 2 Sochaux 2
September 29
Nantes 0 Metz 0
Montpellier 1 Lorient 3
Olympique 4 Rennais 0
Lens 1 Auxerre 1
Bastia 1 Monaco 0
Guingamp 1 Olympique 0

GERMANY

September 30
Bayer 4 Freiburg 1
Bayern 4 Stuttgart 0
September 29
Hansa 2 1860 Munchen 2
Schalke 04 2 Energie 0
St. Pauli 1 Borussia 2
Werder 1 Borussia 0
Nurnberg 0 Hamburger 0
Hertha 3 Cologne 0
Wolfsburg 2 Kaiserslautern 0

NORTHERN IRELAND

September 29
Ards 0 Crusaders 0
Linfield 1 Glenavon 3
Glentoran 2 Cliftonville 0
Newry 3 Coleraine 1
Portadown 2 Omagh Town 0

PORTUGAL

Sept 30
Varzim 2 (Mariano 68, Mendonca 85) Uniao Leiria 0
Salgueiros Porto 2 (Telmo 20, Marco Claudio 90) Santa Clara 1 (Brandao 90)
Pacos Ferreira 0 Sporting Braga 0
Beira-Mar Aveiro 2 (Cristiano 24, Luis Manuel 86) FC Porto 0
Vitoria Setubal 0 Belenenses 1 (Neca 14)

SCOTLAND

Livingston 1 Hibernian 0
Dunfermline 0 Kilmarnock 2
Rangers 0 Celtic 2
St. Johnstone 2 Motherwell 3
Hearts 1 Dundee United 2
Dundee 1 Aberdeen 4

SWEDEN

September 30
Trelleborg 0 Helsingborg 3
Hacken 1 AIK Stockholm 6
Orebro 4 Elfsborg 1

WALES

September 29
Barry Town 1 Bangor City 1
Caernarfon Town 1 Carmarthen Town 2
Connah's Quay 4 Cwmbran Town 2
Newtown 2 Rhyl 2
Port Talbot 2 Oswestry Town 3
TNS Llansantaffraid 4 Rhayader Town 0
Flexsys Cefn Druids 2 Caersws 1
Llanelli 0 Afan Lido 1

AUSTRALIA

JUNIOR NATIONALS

DAY 1
UNDER 15
Western Australia 8 Northern Territory 0
Queensland 4 A.C.T 1
South Australia 2 Country Victory 1
Victoria 4 Country Queensland 2
Northern NSW 3 Tasmania 0
New South Wales 2 Country NSW 0

UNDER 16
Victoria 2 New South Wales 1
Country Victoria 1 Queensland 0
Western Australian 3 South Australia 1
Northern NSW 2 Country NSW 0
Northern Territory 5 Tonga 0
Tasmania 1 ACT 0

DAY 2
UNDER 15
Queensland 3 South Australia 0
Western Australia 3 Soccer Canberra 1
Country Victoria 2 Northern Territory 1
New South Wales 3 Northern NSW 1
Victoria 1 Tasmania 0
Country Queensland 1 Country NSW 0

UNDER 16
Western Australia 3 Queensland 1
South Australia 2 Victoria 1
New South Wales Country Victoria
Northern NSW 2 Tasmania 1
Soccer Canberra 3 Northern Territory 1
Country NSW Tonga

NSW ASF

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS ROUND 3
U10
Central Coast 7 Granville 8
Canterbury 1 Sutherland 3
Illawarra 0 Southern Districts 4
Ku-Ring-Gai 5 Far North Coast 0

U11
Central Coast 3 Granville 2
Canterbury 3 Dubbo 2
Illawarra 0 Southern Districts 5
Ku-Ring-Gai 3 Far North Coast 1

U12
Shoalhaven 3 Blacktown 4
Canterbury 1 Sutherland 3
Illawarra 6 Mitchell 0
Ku-Ring-Gai 3 Manly Warringah 0

U13
Central Coast 1 Blacktown 0
Nepean 1 Sutherland 2
Illawarra 1 Southern Districts 2
Ku-Ring-Gai 0 Far North Coast 2

U14
Gladesville-Hornsby 2 Granville 1
Canterbury 1 Sutherland 2
Illawarra 5 Mitchell 1
Far North Coast 1 Ku-Ring-Gai 0

U15
Central Coast 2 1 Blacktown
Canterbury 1 2 Sutherland
Illawarra 1 2 Southern Districts
Orange 1 3 Far North Coast

U16
Bankstown 4 5 Gladesville-Hornsby
Granville 3 5 Blacktown
Canterbury 0 1 Illawarra
Southern Districts 2 0 Manly Warringah

U17
Gladesville-Hornsby BYE
Granville BYE
Nepean BYE
Southern Districts BYE

U18
Gladesville-Hornsby 0 0 BYE
Blacktown 0 0 BYE
Illawarra 0 0 BYE
Manly Warringah 0 0 BYE

U21
Granville BYE
Blacktown BYE
Southern Districts BYE

AAM
Bankstown 0 0 BYE
Nepean 0 0 BYE
Canterbury 0 0 BYE
Manly Warringah 0 0 BYE

O35
Gladesville-Hornsby BYE
Granville BYE
Sutherland BYE
Ku-Ring-Gai BYE

14W
Shoalhaven 0 0 BYE
Sutherland 0 0 BYE
Mitchell 0 0 BYE
Manly Warringah 0 0 BYE

16W
Shoalhaven 0 0 BYE
Granville 0 0 BYE
Sutherland 0 0 BYE
Manly Warringah 0 0 BYE

AAW
Nepean 4 1 Granville
Blacktown 1 2 Eurobodalla
Sutherland 0 0 BYE
Ku-Ring-Gai 0 6 Manly Warringah

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SYDNEY UNIVERSITY SOCCER FOOTBALL CLUB

is pleased to announce the re-appointment of Stewart Porter as head coach for the 2002 season following its success in winning the Division One Premiership and Grand Final double.

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For further details please contact
Simon Philips on 0413 585 413 or;
Jim Zammit on 0414 331 734

Written applications enclosing details of experience and qualifications may be sent to Simon Philips, Club Secretary, 106 Womerah Avenue Darlinghurst NSW 2011

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QUALIFIED COACHES
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Under 13s, 14s, 15s, 16s (Youth)
Under 11s and Under 12s (Cadets)
PLAYERS are also required for all teams

The club is also holding a **COACHING ACADEMY**
Sundays (9am) and Thursdays (6.30pm)
Starting from Sunday 23 September 2001

If interested please contact the club's new Coaching Director, Bill Pilovski on 0402 415 496
Or the Club Secretary, Mendo Cklamovski on 0419 287 907

Send applications by 12 October 2001
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